

# GET INVOLVED IN MAINE

there's a lot of different things happening in Maine right now. it is really encouraging to see many awesome projects starting up.

## JED Center

217 S. Mountain Rd. Greene, ME 04236, 207-996-4478, [www.jedcenter.org](http://www.jedcenter.org), [jed@riseup.net](mailto:jed@riseup.net)  
A new youth collective, a cooperative organic farm and a collective space dedicated to creative and radical social change.

## Maine Indymedia

Maine Indymedia puts together a really good newspaper called the Maine Commons and then maintains a website at [maine.indymedia.org](http://maine.indymedia.org). You can publish your news at this site.

## Beehive Design Collective

3 Elm St. Machias, ME 04654, 207-255-6737, [graphics@beehivecollective.org](mailto:graphics@beehivecollective.org),  
[www.beehivecollective.org](http://www.beehivecollective.org)

A collective of artists, activists and anarchists creating amazing political graphics, posters and working on a massive mosaic project for the Common Ground Fairgrounds in Unity, ME. They also run the Beehive a converted Grange Hall into a community art space.

## Victory Gardens

RFD 1, Box 6425, Athens, ME 04912

Contact Herman Bell: 79CO-0262, Clinton Correctional Facility, PO Box 2991, Dannemora, NY 12929-2001

A radical gardening project supporting US political prisoners.

## Stop the Widening Campaign-Route One Advocacy Group

1160 Atlantic Highway, Warren, Maine 04964, 207-273-3247

Fighting against the Department of Transportation over their plans to widen Route One and cut down trees and communities in the process.

## Burdock

box 1593 Portland, ME 04104 [resist207@riseup.net](mailto:resist207@riseup.net)

Burdock 2002 was an amazing gathering of people in Starks, Maine, with workshops, discussions, music, food and swimming. There are plans in the work for a summer gathering in 2003 and a gathering this winter.

## Resources for Organizing for Social Change (ROSC)

Po Box 776 Monroe, ME 04951 [invert@acadia.net](mailto:invert@acadia.net)

promoting non-violent social change through workshops, gatherings and other projects. they also put out the Changing Maine directory.

## Let Cuba Live

PO Box 245 Brunswick, ME 04011 (207)725-1330

working to lift the sanctions on Cuba





# colonization

2002

A brief background and history on Palestine, Israel and US involvement in the Middle East



Every day new headlines appear about suicide bombers and military action in Palestine and Israel. "terrorism" is used to describe the actions of Palestinians and the term "self defense" being used to describe Israel's military actions. We are told that Israel is reacting to Palestinian actions. They say Palestinians are out to kill Israelis and take from them what "belongs" to Israel. And so a conflict is elaborated in our minds, creating a picture that is a replacement for a reality controlled by the policies of the US government. The essential issues are forgotten and ignored in favor of portraying a conflict that has spiraled out of control. The role the US government has taken to protect the illegal occupation of Palestinian land has been swept under the cover by the media as they portray the US government as the peace keepers and negotiators of the world, while both sides have engaged in violence and killing of innocents, blame for the current escalation of conflict rests heavily on the shoulders of the Israeli government who has lead their colonizing nation into a war of conquest against the Palestinian people.

# ANTIBALAS

No other album has moved me as much as Antibalas' two records. So first I'll admit I'm a former roommate of one of the members, so I'm not the most unbiased source of information. But the tight groovy songs on this album are sure to get to most people. Antibalas plays Afro Beat music in the tradition of Fela Kuti, and pays respect to him through their music and message. But Antibalas is not from Nigeria and is a mixed racial group with African, Latin American, Caribbean, European and American roots. Antibalas is based in Brooklyn, New York, but in recent years have been touring all over. I first saw Antibalas the night of June 18th, 1999 after the 69 protests in New York City. I had spent the afternoon in a jail cell and so it was a real blessing to come out of jail and go to a benefit show that Antibalas was playing at. I recently had the opportunity to see them again, three years later, and their music has grown, evolved and matured. The members have increased, filling out their sound with more horns and percussion. For those unfamiliar with Afrobeat, the musical style originated from a fusion of African, Caribbean and American styles through the music of Fela Kuti, who played music from the 60s until his death in 1998. Through his music and life, Fela struggled against the Nigerian military dictatorships and promoted a world of equality. Antibalas has taken this music and message into their context of the social realities of 21st century America and in particular New York City. Antibalas' music is political, but most of their music is instrumental. Although, the last track, World War 4 clearly explains to the listener their position on war. Beyond the words and singing, their politics really come out in how the band is run cooperatively and by the message that they share from stage and their liner notes. And their politics come out through the experience of their music. You don't need someone to tell you it is liberation, it is liberation music and it liberates your soul and body listening to it. Also check out Talkat if their new album, just as good for better in some people's opinion. Get their records, and check them out if they're ever in your area.

[www.antibalas.com](http://www.antibalas.com)



Some other music to check out:

Ethan Miller: In Times of War  
New political folk music from  
Ethan. Great CD, 277 S. Mountain  
Rd. Greene, ME 04236, 207-546-4478

Detritus, Sarah and Dan C.  
Live at the St. Lawrence  
Portland political folk from  
a show last winter. see page  
80 for ordering info

Tarpigh: Go High Wild  
Experimental world music  
twisted through Portland.  
Available in Portland at Bull  
Moose or at their shows.



didn't, then find a big forked stick and using other sticks dig a hole that you can sink the stick in at least a foot or more. The fork should ideally be about 4 feet from the ground. Next you need to start loading logs on to the fork or the other tree (main support). You want to make sure that the logs you choose are long enough so that you can fit inside your shelter. After putting bigger logs on, start piling on smaller and smaller branches. I find using some branches that have smaller branches helps to keep other branches in place.

When you have put lots of small branches on, begin to gather up mixtures of dried leaves, small sticks, and moss that has already been dislodged (don't use moss that is still growing and attached to the ground or tree). Start piling this onto the frame of the shelter. Continue layering it on until you have a thick layer. Now you have a basic shelter. You can add more dirt/moss on the outside. For a door, you can just put a pile of leaves there.

For more information on this check out Tom Brown Field Guide for Survival

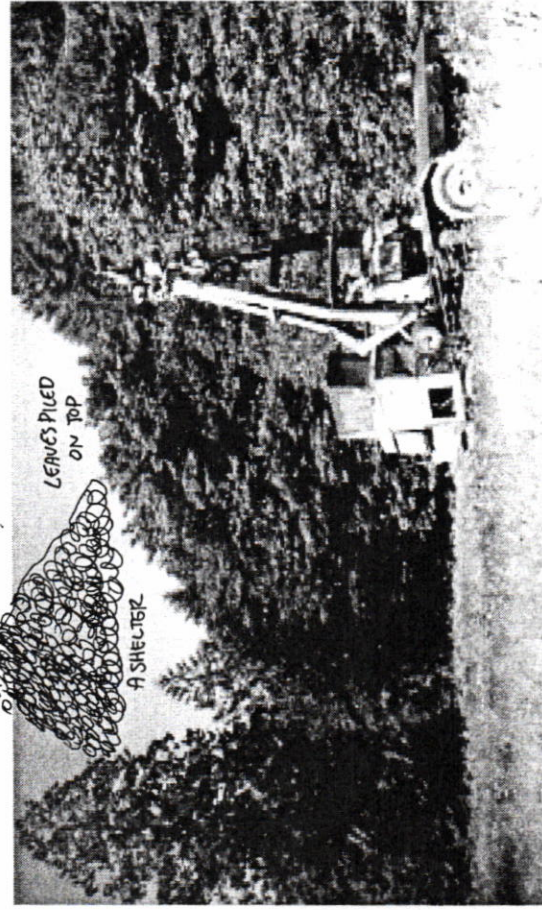
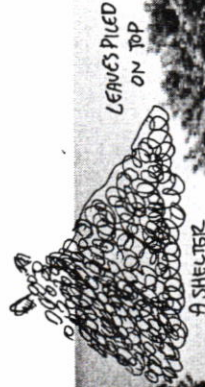


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## Background and History

Many people think that Zionism and the creation of the State of Israel came after World War II as a response to the massive genocide of Jewish people by Hitler. The roots of the State of Israel lie further back into the mid 1800's, when the Zionist movement first began. The Zionist movement claimed and still maintains that Jewish people have an eternal right to the lands in the Middle East, known as Palestine. The Zionist movement first gained strength amongst certain Jews in America and Europe. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, many European Americans envisioned a European Christian control over the 'Holy Land' (Palestine) which rested on a general negative Arab stereotype and religious bigotry. Zionism found support amongst fundamentalist Christian protestants who saw the Jewish return to Israel as a necessary step in the second coming of Christ. Using the Bible as their proof, Zionists claimed that they had a birth right to the lands known as Palestine because at one point in history people of the Jewish faith lived on those lands and they were the lands that God promised to the Israelites through Moses, according to Hebrew mythology. The fact that Hebrew people lived there over a thousands years ago, that the area has always had a mixed population and that many modern Jews' ancestry does not necessarily trace back to that land, does not deter Zionists from claiming that Palestine is their God given right.

At the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Zionist colonizers began arriving in Palestine and setting up Kibbutzim (Jewish communal land communities) and settlements. Each year, more Zionists came to Palestine, building the settlements that would build the foundation for the new Jewish nation they envisioned for this land. In 1917, Lord Arthur

Balfour authored the Balfour agreement which committed Britain to "facilitate" the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people" on the condition that "nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of the existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine." Two years later he contradicted this agreement in a memorandum, stating the "The four great powers are committed to Zionism and Zionism, be it right or wrong, good or bad is rooted in age-long tradition, in present needs, in future hopes, of far profounder import than the desires and prejudices of the 700,000 Arabs who now inhabit that ancient land." The Balfour agreement like all future agreements and decisions was made without the consultation of the Palestinian people. The indigenous resistance to the Zionist agenda was strong since the first colonizers arrived on Palestinian soil and this some-times took the form of violent attacks on Jewish settlements. In 1919, President Wilson's King-Crane commission reported that "the Zionists looked forward to a practically complete dispossession of the present non-Jewish inhabitants of Palestine" and continued that subjugation of the Palestinians to Zionist program "would be a gross violation of the principles [of self determination], and of the people's rights." In the years between the wars, more Jewish settlers moved to Palestine without ever consulting the indigenous inhabitants of the land.

After World War II, the Zionist movement began receiving increasing support in the form of weapons and money from governments, rich business men, and corporations to prepare them for their takeover of Palestine. Support for the Zionist movement must be distinguished from actual support of the Jewish people, for which there was very little before, during and after WWII. For

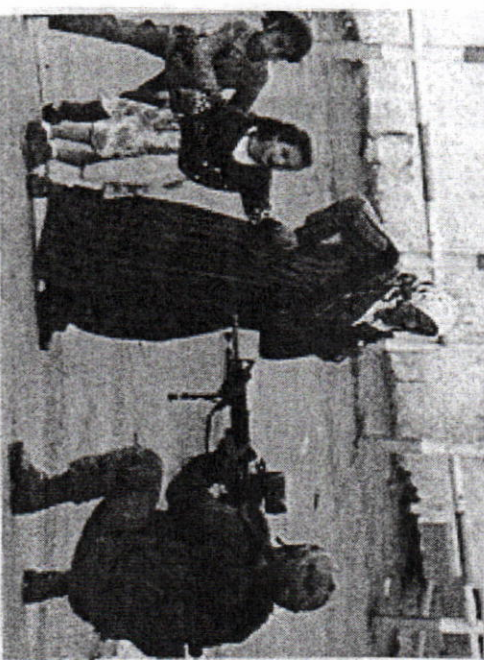


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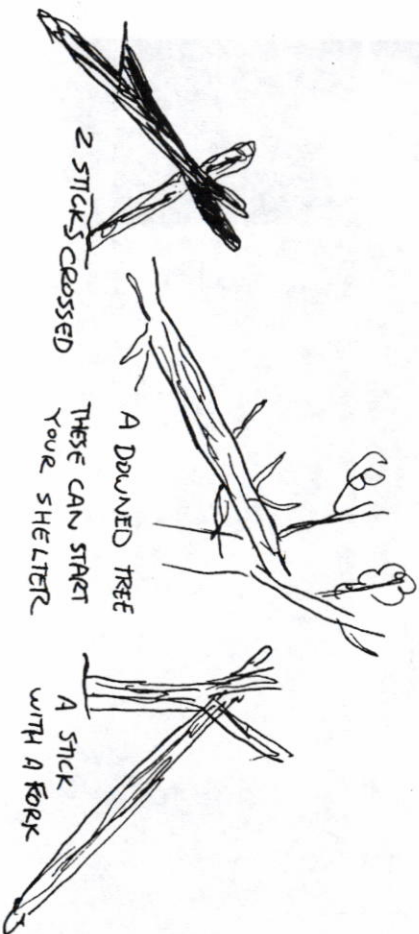
2001, somewhere in Palestine, a soldier of the Israeli "Defense" Forces does his duty

# BUILDING A SURVIVAL SHELTER

Here's a basic and simple way of building a shelter that would be suitable for a survival situation. A shelter is one of the most important elements of survival because it can keep you warm and dry, both things that will help you stay alive especially in cold and wet environments. For a survival situation you want to build just a small shelter, basically big enough for your body to sleep in, but if you're going to be sticking around for a bit you can add on and make it bigger. Also, while it's good to practice building a shelter, don't just go building shelters everywhere you go because you disturb the forest in order to build one.

First, you need to find a dry location to put your shelter. Don't put it in the bottom of a narrow valley or directly next to a river. Basically avoid any place that water may flow into, or rainwater will wash into. Peel the ground, and see how damp/dry it is. Clear your spot of underbrush, leaves, and sticks, put this aside because you will need it later. Ideally you want to find a spot that can aid in your shelter building, so a downed tree that slopes to the ground (see figure) or a forked tree are both helpful (you will see why later)

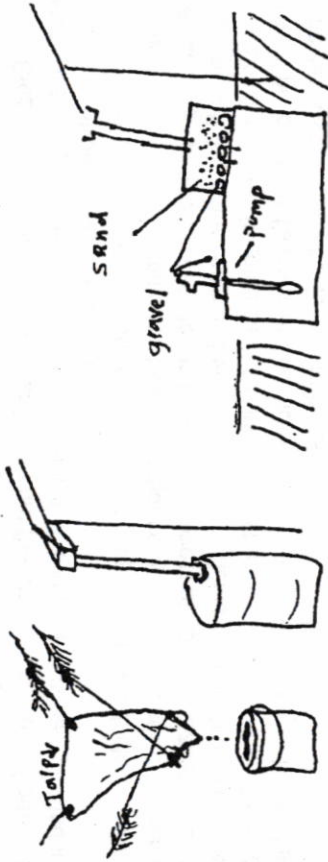
If you found a downed tree or forked tree, this will be the basic support structure for the rest of the shelter. If you





end and attached to some solid pipe at the other. Fill the trench with gravel or, even better, with charcoal. (Burnt wood = charcoal). Bury the whole thing. The basic idea is that the gravel and/or charcoal will filter water that seeps in underground from the stream. It's not perfect but it's better than nothing. It won't clean pesticides or other chemical pollution out of the water enough to make it safe to drink. Questionable water should be purified by boiling it for three or more minutes. That's 3 minutes after it starts boiling, not 3 minutes after you put the pot on the fire.

**RAINWATER** can be collected from rooftops or tarps hung at a gently sloping angle. One inch of rain falling on a 100 square foot surface = 50 gallons of water for you.



Store the water in a closed container away from bugs and light (which causes algae to grow). 55 gallon drums are good containers. Look behind bakeries for ones that are used to hold safe, edible stuff. Filter incoming water through a piece of screen or a container full of sand and gravel.

**SALTWATER** can be made drinkable by using a solar still. Heat makes the water evaporate, leaving the heavy salt behind. The water condenses on the glass and runs down slope to be collected and stored. An English source says you get 1/2 pint of clean water a day per square foot of glass in the winter, and 7 pints/day/sq. foot in the summer.



**DEW** will condense on a cool surface. You can make a dew pond by insulating a pit from the heat of the earth, with straw, newspaper, old blankets, etc.



Dew Pond cross-section

in official Israeli histories, they claim that Palestinians fled on the orders of the Arab leaders. The truth is, the Arab leadership attempted to prevent the flight, which was encouraged by Israeli terror and psychological warfare.<sup>7</sup> By the end of the 1948 war, approximately 800,000 Palestinian Arabs had fled or been expelled from their homes. Chaim Weizmann, the first president of Israel, held that the fate of the "several hundred thousand negroes" in the Jewish homeland "is a matter of no consequence".

## Wars of Conquest

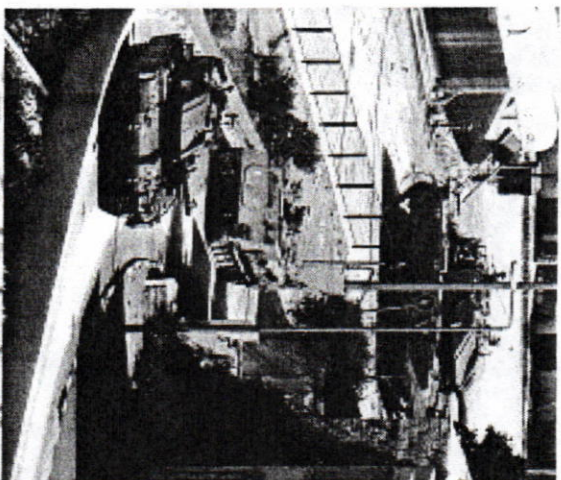
Israel went to war against the Palestinian people again in 1967, stealing the land in the West Bank and Gaza, which were controlled by Jordan and Egypt. While the official history of Israel's numerous wars claim that Israel fought on defensive terms, this is a myth that has been spread by the Israeli and Western media and governments. The records show that Israel was the aggressor and provocateur and this is still seen in current Israeli wars against the Palestinian people.<sup>8</sup> After defeating Jordan and Egypt, Israel asserted control over the West Bank and Gaza, which is now known as the occupied territories. Numerous UN resolutions have condemned the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, but they have all been ignored or vetoed because the might of the US military backs Israel. It was after this war that US aid to Israel increased dramatically. In the 1967 war, Israel demonstrated that it was the major military power in the region and so it became an increasingly important client state to the US in their bid to control oil interests in the middle east. After the 1967 war, the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) under the leadership

of Yassir Arafat's Fatah movement became the recognized representative of the Palestinian people. The PLO engaged in guerilla actions against the Israeli state in response to the military oppression of the Palestinian people. The PLO forced the world to recognize the plight of the Palestinians, but Western countries remained complacent and in the US, Nixon instituted an official policy of hostility toward Palestinian nationalism and a commitment to not recognize or talk to the PLO, which continued for 20 years.<sup>9</sup> The New Labor government in Israel began to immediately integrate and move settlers to the occupied territories, in direct violation of the International Courts.

## Sabra and Shatila

In 1982, Ariel Sharon conducted a deadly war against the Palestinian people who were refugees in Lebanon. After the attempted assassination of Israeli Ambassador Shlomo Argov in London, Israel felt it had the pretext to bomb the Palestinians in Lebanon and blame the PLO for the assassination attempt. In the Spring of 1982, Ariel Sharon, who was then a military general, received the green light from the American government to go to war in





defense minister? Sharon. They put their tanks round the camps. I was part of a delegation that tried to negotiate with them. We carried a white flag. When we got near, there was a man's voice on a loudspeaker telling us to have our identity cards ready. But I didn't have my ID. So I went back home. And it turned out the loudspeaker was being used by a Phalangist. And they murdered all the men in the delegation. I was the only one to survive."<sup>12</sup>

## Funding and Arming Apartheid

From 1967 until present, the US has continued a policy of funding and arming the Israeli government while delegitimizing the Palestinians in the United States. Reagan saw Israel as a defense against communism and as his key strategic country in the middle east. Through Israel, the US government funneled money and weapons to repressive regimes world wide that the US could not directly support (including Nicaraguan Contras, Apartheid South Africa, Guatemala, El Salvador, Chile and Iran).<sup>13</sup> Reagan maintained the US policy that had been crafted before him towards Palestinians; that they had no right to self determination, no electoral franchise, and no right of return. The increase of US military support and the building of new Jewish-only settlements in the occupied territories lead to the first Intifada, or uprising of the Palestinian people. Over 100,000 Israeli troops, armed and funded by the US government, were deployed. Hundreds of people were killed, Palestinian homes were destroyed and the oppression of the Palestinian people continued. The first Intifada brought the demands of the Palestinian people to the American public, who began to see the Palestinians

# WATER

Taken from "Threat to Dignity" zine, 1536 Marlin Place, Rohnert Park CA 94928.

Edited slightly by Moss On Urban Decay.

*The next time you're in some foul, diseased, industrial place, look into the nearest gutter and remember*  
**YOU USED TO BE ABLE TO DRINK THE WATER HERE!**

Clean, free water is yet another basic right that has been stolen from us by industrial society. More and more of the earth's drinking water is being turned into poison by pollution. And it's getting worse.

As the global supply of drinking water is being contaminated, clean water is turning into a valuable commodity. Several major corporations (including Monsanto) are currently vying for access to the lakes and glaciers of northern Canada, so that they can sell the water contained within these ecosystems to countries which lack clean drinking water. In some Latin American countries, poor people drink Coca-cola all the time because it's cheaper than bottled water. Needless to say, this results in some serious stomach and dental problems.

Soon a large percentage of people will not have access to any drinking water. The rest will pay corporations which are consolidating the "resource" and will decide who drinks or not. Who lives or not.

So it's likely that in this dystopic future--soon--a lot of us (especially those not considered friends of the corporations) will be stealing and scavenging for water. Here's some ideas on how to find water and make it drinkable, starting with the best situation and flowing downhill from there.

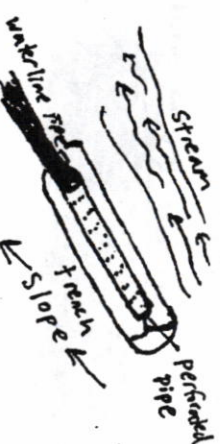
**CLEAN SURFACE WATER** is so scarce now. Even in the wilderness it's possible that some idiot has shit near the stream. The clearest water can carry Giardia and other little critters. There's no way to tell.

OK, now I want to encourage everyone to drink out of a creek. A safe, clean creek. Just once even. You'll get a powerful sense of what has been stolen almost everywhere else.

There are places where people still use streams as their water supply. Ask the locals which streams are safe. Remember that the higher up you go in a watershed,

the less chance there is for contamination. Drinking from the Klamath river is stupid, but many of the streams that feed it are safe

To somewhat filter water in a place you plan to stay. Dig a trench a few feet away from a stream, parallel to it. Put a piece of perforated pipe (or plastic pipe full of holes) into the trench, sealed at one





as a distinct people with their own national aspirations.<sup>14</sup> Bush Senior continued Reagan's policies and used the protection of Israel as an added reason and justification for his war against Iraq. During the Gulf War, then Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney threatened "I assume [Saddam] knows that if he were to resort to chemical weapons, that would be an escalation to weapons of mass destruction and that the possibility would then exist certainly with respect to the Israelis, for example that they might retaliate with unconventional (nuclear) weapons as well."<sup>15</sup> Israel has a large and advanced nuclear arsenal that was provided by US funding.

The US government has been the largest provider of funds and weapons to the Israeli colonial apartheid regime. US aid to Israel (with a population of 4.8 million) from 1949 to 1997 totaled over \$134 billion or the total US foreign aid to Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean (with a combined population of 486 million). This works out to \$23,240 for each Israeli citizen. The money is going to one of the most technologically and militarily advanced countries in the world from a government that does not provide health care to its citizens and is cutting on all social programs and assistance.<sup>16</sup> But

US tax money goes to Israel to protect US oil interests in the region and buy commitment to US plans for the region. Many US corporations conduct business in Israel and the Occupied Territories taking away resources from the Palestinian people and exploiting the cheap labor force.

## Bill Clinton and Oslo

In comes Bill Clinton and the "Peace Process." Never has there been a US president who has been as pro-Israel as Bill Clinton. His Orwellian "Peace Process" was a perfect cover to implement policies that Ariel Sharon had voiced in 1977 and rightwing fundamentalist settlers had elaborated on in the 1980s. In 1993, the Oslo Agreements were signed, thereby issuing in a new power relationship between Israel and the Palestinian people, known as the "Matrix of Control."<sup>17</sup> The Matrix of Control planned to build bypass roads connecting hilltop settlements only for Jewish settlers and the Israeli "Defense Force (IDF). The purpose was described by Professor Tanya Reinhart as "envisaging the maximal defense of all existing settlement and the partition of the West Bank into (Arab) enclaves. Each enclave is to be surrounded by bypassing roads, settlements and Israeli

Army fortresses...if Israel ever decides to withdraw its troops from any downtown (Arab) area...the army will continue to rule that city from outside. The meaning of the plan is that we will solve the problem of 2 million Palestinians in the Territories by imprisoning them in ghettos, starving them and turning them into beggars. But





instead of calling it 'an occupation' we will present it as a step toward a Palestinian State. We will crush Palestinian throats with our boots while smiling to them nicely."<sup>18</sup>

In the seven years since the implementation of Oslo, the number of settlements have more than doubled to 210,000 in the occupied territories and 180,000 in East Jerusalem. Bypass roads have been cut through Palestinian land, creating security corridors for Israeli settlers and Israeli army fortresses. As a means of asserting control, the Israeli state has encouraged Jewish settle-



ment by heavily funding construction in settlements in state-funded, compared with 25% in Israel) and then moving in "security forces" and arming the settlers.<sup>19</sup> The Oslo "Accords" have created a neo-liberal colonization forcing total economic, social and political dependence on the Palestinian people under the guise of "Palestinian Autonomy". Historian Shlomo Ben-Ami observed in an academic study, "in practice the Oslo Agreements were founded on a neo-colonialist basis, on a life of dependence of one on the other forever." Ben-Ami went on to join the Barak government as Minister of Internal Security and was the chief architect of the Barak proposals.<sup>20</sup> The

scant resources of the Palestinians have been taken by Israel including over 80% of the available aquifer water and most of the fertile land. Since Oslo, in Palestine there has been a 20% decrease in per capita income, skyrocketing unemployment, and dramatic deterioration of its infrastructure and education. Palestinian workers have been expelled from Israel, who has in turn created Maquidor-type "Industrial Parks" to exploit the cheap labor that is forced on the Palestinians. The Israeli government and military harass Palestinians on a daily basis, checking their IDs, conducting searches, cutting off electricity

and innocent people. There has been increasing grassroots opposition to the Israeli control over the territories and further disillusionment with the ineffectiveness of the PLO in mounting opposition to Israel, which has led to the second intifada.<sup>21</sup>

### The Second Intifada

On September 29, 2000, a Muslim day of prayer, Prime Minister Ehud Barak dispatched a massive police force to the Al-Aqsa mosque with a military parade of security forces. It led to a conflict as the police attacked Palestinians leav-

~Mullein (Verbascum Thapsus) or Coltsfoot (Tussilago Farfara)... infusion is best, capsules or tincture is good... tones, mild expectorant (cleaning!), strengthens tissue  
~Marshmallow root (Althaea Officinalis) decoction... demulcent, soothes and protects tissue... chewing the root is an interesting experience- most folks find it pleasant  
~stop smoking everything!

### IMMUNE SYSTEM SUPPORT

We hammer our immune systems before and during events... not enough sleep, bad food, too much coffee, stress, chem weapons, etc., etc.... The best choice for our bodies would be to not engage in those behaviors (ya, right!). Second best is to give your immune system a helping hand for the week leading up to the event, and follow the other advice above. This will help prevent the weakness that allows viral and bacterial invasions, and reduce your chances of encountering a reaction to the chemicals that your body can't handle.

~Echinacea Angustifolia or Purpurea... I like Angustifolia root tincture best, other folks say Purpurea leaf and flower infusion works best for them. Start a week before an event, if you anticipate getting sick, or as soon as you notice symptoms of an illness, and continue until all symptoms are gone. If you don't start feeling better after 2 weeks, see an herbalist, naturopath, chinese doctor, allopathic doctor, etc.

~garlic and ginger... eat, drink, lots and lots!  
~miso... keeps carcinogens from building up in your body, supports your immune system, an amazing all-round system tonic

### FOR STRESS, ANXIETY, EMOTIONAL TRAUMA

~take care of yourself!  
~TALK about your experiences  
~try Skullcap (Scutellaria Laterifolia) tincture... helps the body to "shift gears". Seems especially effective with caregivers- folks who give a lot of themselves out  
~Skullcap/Lavender tincture... for acute panic or anxiety attacks... Skullcap melts you out- if you're prone to lethargy, use with thought  
~Milky Oat tincture for stress  
~Flower Essences... do some research and find the right blend for you, or talk to a practitioner. Try the PTSD blend by F.E.S. (from California) - developed specifically for treating trauma in Rwandan refugees  
~for acute Fear, Trauma, Overwhelm- Rescue Remedy by Bach (from England)  
~The wonders of Borage: in western european folk traditions, the presence of Borage brings courage. This is essential for our part in the world today, and for the body and mind's ability to recover from injury or illness. Try adding Borage tincture or flower essence to your life, or even putting a few flowers in your pocket or salad. You'll be amazed.

If you have any persistent or unusual reactions to chemical weapons, please get help.

For more aftercare info or support, check out <http://www.action-medical.net>



Nettle infusion (Urtica Dioica)... add 2 cups boiling water to 2 tblsp. dried or fresh Nettles. This is one of the best things you can do to help your body. Ideally, let it steep overnight to extract all of the minerals from the plant. Drink a few cups per day. I usually do big batches (a gallon at a time) and keep them refrigerated for up to 3 days. Even if you can't let it steep overnight, a simple infusion is better than nothing. Nettle can also be added to soups and stews or eaten fresh in the early spring, and tastes a bit like spinach. Will vastly improve your body's ability to detox.

~Milk Thistle seed decoction or capsules (Silybum Marianum)... add 2 cups cold water to a teaspoon of seeds, bring to a boil, then cover and simmer 5 minutes. For capsules, take 3 per day, 1/2 hour before meals. Or, grind seeds and sprinkle over food. Milk Thistle protects the liver from absorbing toxins, detoxes if you've been exposed to nastiness, and most importantly, actively rebuilds liver tissue. Some folks have reported serious reactions from drinking alcohol while taking Milk Thistle. If you drink lots or have a negative reaction, try...

~Dandelion Root decoction, tincture or capsules ... add 2 cups cold water to 2 tsp. dried or fresh root, bring to a boil then simmer covered for 5 minutes. For capsules, take 3 per day, 1/2 hour before meals. Dandelion root is a gentle liver stimulant that keeps the juices flowing and speeds up the liver's detox process.

~anything bitter! (e.g.: grapefruit juice, Burdock root, bitter greens, etc.)... The "Bitter Principal" states that the taste of all things bitter will stimulate the production and release of bile from your liver, thus flushing toxins. If you have gall stones, check with an herbalist or naturopath. If you're trying bitter herbs or food, don't disguise the taste- if you do, the "Bitter Principal" action won't work as well. Other bitter herbs: Dandelion root, Burdock root, Yellow Dock root, Oregon Grape root, Goldenseal root....

## ADRENAL AND NERVOUS SYSTEM SUPPORT

Our adrenal glands get severely taxed during actions... the rushed of adrenalin from relation, anger or fear, repeated over and over, can shock our nervous and lymphatic systems and throw our bodies off balance (sometimes permanently).

~Licorice root tincture or decoction (Glycyrrhiza Glabra)...

CONTRAINDICATION: not for pregnant women

~Cleavers tincture or infusion (Galium Aparine)... supports the entire lymphatic system and aids in detox

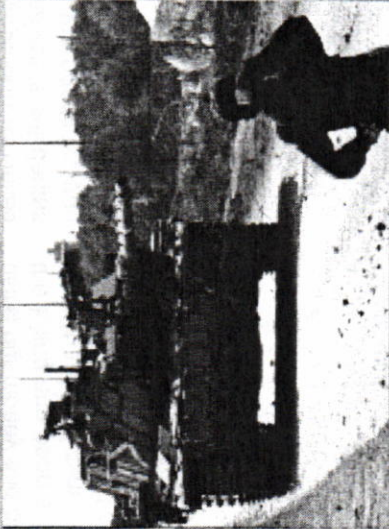
~Oats (Avena Sativa)... a bowl of old-fashioned (not instant) oatmeal every morning is a great way to tone and strengthen your nervous system, and deal with stress or anxiety. If you don't like oatmeal, make sure you take either tea, tincture or capsules use the 'milky' part of the oat.

## LUNG SUPPORT

If you have chronic lung problems or asthma, consider investing in a gas mask or sitting this demo out. The only recorded deaths from chemical weapons have come from respiratory complications. For everyone else, toning your lungs will make a huge difference in your recovery and ability to ward off lung infections (a common occurrence, especially after tear gas), and more chronic lung problems.

ing the Mosque. Several Palestinians were killed and about 200 wounded. This followed a visit by Ariel Sharon and his military entourage the day before. A spark was lit that burned in the resistance of the Palestinian people. The second intifada as in the first, has been marked by increased Israeli aggression against Palestinians. Apache attack helicopters and cruise missiles have been fired into refugee neighborhoods under the pretense of "rooting out terrorists." Secular leaders have been targeted for assassination, and killed for allegedly aiding terrorism. And once again the US

has stood by as the faithful ally to Israel, and funder of its war crimes. The IDF has had the largest deployment of military personnel since the 1967 wars, as they surround Palestinian villages and invade, burn and bulldoze homes. The Palestinian response has been to resist this further oppression in whatever way they can, by what ever means necessary. This has taken the form of mass protests (often resulting in violence from Israel), kids throwing rocks at Israeli tanks, international boycott campaigns and solidarity actions, self defense against Israeli troops, and bombings of Israeli civilians. During the course of the Intifada, the Israeli government has targeted, through arrest and assassination the secular leadership of the PLO, DFLP and PFLP leaving a political void to be filled by radical Islamists such as Hamas and Hezbollah. By shifting what has histori-



cally been a secular nationalist struggle to a religious fundamentalist jihad, Ariel Sharon can claim he has no peace partner and take over more land by creating buffer zone and building more settlements in the name of National and religious security. Sharon has constantly harassed, isolated, threatened and smeared Arafat in an attempt to break down any final influence he has amongst Palestinians and the world. As of early 2002, Sharon has talked about his desire to "transfer" the Palestinian population out of the occupied territories to make way for Jewish settlers. He plans to make life so miserable for Palestinians that it will force them to flee simply to survive.<sup>22</sup> If Israel was not so close of an ally of the United States, we would be hearing George Bush saying, "We want to liberate the Palestinian people from a fundamentalist terrorist government." Or Bill Clinton proclaiming he wants to send a Humanitarian Mission to Israel to stop Ethnic Cleansing. But this is Israel, the largest recipient of military aid in the world and the key US ally in the oil rich middle east.

The latest military assault on the Palestinian people is portrayed to the world as a response to suicide bombings, when in reality this military action is all part of Israel's colonial strategy to fulfill their own "manifest destiny." Israel is following the example of colonizer/settler countries before them such as the United States, Canada, and South Africa by developing a complex apartheid system based on economic slavery and



white privilege. But now they are even more technologically advanced, and rather than just beating, spreading disease, or shooting the indigenous population, Israel is shooting missiles, using attack helicopters, and manipulating the media to create justifications for their murder of innocent life. As of April 4th, 2002, 1,1000 Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli military or settlers since the beginning of the Intifada in November 2000. In comparison 400 Israelis have been killed by Palestinians in that time. Palestinians have been rounded up and arrested or shot, or bulldozed under the rubble of their houses. The media reports in the United States always emphasize Israeli deaths by putting them in the headlines and printing graphic picture of bombing scenes, while Palestinian deaths are put in the middle of the article, if reported at all. The corporate media doesn't look at the full history of this conflict but instead depicts it as a struggle of a nation defending itself against terrorism. The actions of Israel and the US define terrorism and are in direct violation of UN resolutions, Geneva War Convention, and the International Court. In contrast, the right to defend oneself and people from a colonial power is recognized in UN documents and agreements. But of course, neither the US or Israel need to listen to the UN because in this world, might makes right, and the dollar rules all.

## Conclusion

The Palestinian people are struggling in all parts of the world to assert their sovereignty and control over the own land. In the refugee camps, mothers, children, fathers, sons and daughters are struggling to stay alive under constant threat of Israel attacks and scarce food and water. People are resisting the further theft of their home-

lands and villages, and international solidarity is vital to build an anti-imperialist, anti-colonialist opposition to the oppression and dominance of Israel. In the past six months, protests and demonstrations drawing hundreds of thousands of people have occurred around the world as people stand up and resist the war against the Palestinian people and Bush's war against the world. Here in Portland, Maine, USA, several marches have happened in solidarity with the Palestinian people. Here in the US, we have a direct responsibility to the Palestinian people because the government that claims to represent us is using our money and our labor to fund the killing and oppression of Palestinians. The government is lying to the people and as always, acting in the interest of the capitalist elite who view Israel as an indispensable business and military asset. This situation cannot be changed by simply electing new representatives, but by addressing the inherent power structure and economic slavery that the white capitalist colonial system has forced onto the planet. To develop a truly revolutionary movement that does not change just the exterior conditions but instead addresses the root causes and relationships that have controlled our earth, we must stand together and work in solidarity with all indigenous people, whether they be Palestinians, Dene, MicMac, Lakota, Maori, or Si'aticm, and oppose the colonial system. The system that is oppressing and killing the Palestinian people, is the same system that has wreaked genocide on this continent and continues to oppress anyone without white skin or a big wallet.

<sup>1</sup> Noam Chomsky, *Fateful Triangle*, pg 90

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid*, pg 91

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid*, pg 94

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid*, pg 94

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid*, pg 95

<sup>6</sup> Lucas, *Modern History of Israel*, pp. 252, 460

<sup>7</sup> Erskine Childers, *Spectator*, May 12, 1961

## DIY MEDICAL

# BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER...

## TAKING CARE

Chemical weapons (e.g.: CS gas, CN gas, OC spray) are used by the state to keep us under control- dictate how we move and when we move, and prevent us from assembling the strength of our numbers. The most common crowd-control less-lethal weapons used today are tear gas (CS) and pepper spray (OC). Both are irritants, and although their short-term effects are relatively easy to control, their longer term effects on our bodies are more serious.

Some long term (more than 3 months) symptoms reported after exposure to high levels of CS:

- chronic bronchitis
- increased asthma symptoms
- skin lesions, rashes
- increased chemical sensitivity
- walking pneumonia
- recurring lung infections
- lowered immunity
- irregular menstruation
- extremely heavy or absent menstruation
- exhaustion

In addition, the propellants used in both OC and CS have produced cancer in lab animals (as if we needed to torture a critter to figure that one out!).

If you or your affinity group anticipate the possibility of encountering or are exposed to chemical weapons, there are a few things you can do to minimize the effects on your body and facilitate a speedy recovery.

- ~start at least 2 weeks before, if possible and continue 2 weeks after
- ~sleep lots!
- ~eat kelp, magnesium, lots of dark leafy greens, beets, whole grains
- ~drink lots of pure water
- ~stay away from alcohol, cigarettes, drugs, fried food
- ~listen, support, love, ask for help, process, debrief, have patience with yourself and others

## SUPPORT YOUR LIVER

The liver is the body's primary defence against a toxic environment. It is the first step in keeping toxins from building up in your body (and facilitating sickness), and removing them.





# Upcoming Events for the People's Free Space

all these events are in Portland Maine unless otherwise noted  
**People's Free Space Meetings**

The 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the Month starting September 18th, at 7pm,  
They are at the Portland West building at 181 Brackett St, They gener-  
ally last about 2 hours.

## People's Free Space Video Showings

The last Wednesday of every month at 7pm, They are on a variety of  
topics around social and ecological issues, At Portland West, 181  
Brackett St.

September- Videos about Iraq

## Free Space Free School

The Free School begins the first Monday of October and will be held  
every first Monday at 5:30 pm at the Portland West building at 181  
Brackett St. Each month there will be different skill sharing and  
workshops. You are encouraged to offer a workshop to share with  
others. If there is enough interest, the Free School nights may happen  
more often.

## Upcoming Benefit Shows

Puppets, the Ponies and Anti-Friend Hut  
November 24th, Location to be announced  
puppet shows about police brutality and political repression from  
Portland and Providence.

are you in a band and want to play a benefit show? do you have any  
art to donate to an art auction? do you want to get involved with the  
People's Free Space---get in touch [peoplesfreespace@riseup.net](mailto:peoplesfreespace@riseup.net)

check out the NEW People's Free Space website

<http://pfs.dod.net>

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<sup>11</sup> *The New Intifada* London: Verso, p.294

<sup>12</sup> as quoted by Robert Fisk, *The New Intifada* London: Verso, p.295

<sup>13</sup> Michael Saba, *The Armageddon Network* (Vermont: Amana Books, 1984) pp. 175-92

<sup>14</sup> Cheryl Rubenberg, "The Bush Administration and the Palestinians: A reassessment" in Michael Suleiman, ed., *US Policy on Palestine from Wilson to Clinton* (Normal, IL: Association of Arab-American University Graduates, Inc. 1995) p.213

<sup>15</sup> John Pike "Nuclear Threats during the Gulf War" Federation of American Scientists Website <[www.fas.org/irp/print/ds-threats.htm](http://www.fas.org/irp/print/ds-threats.htm)>

<sup>16</sup> John Steinbach, "Palestine in the Crosshairs" *Covert Action Quarterly*, no. 72, Spring 2002, pg 8

<sup>17</sup> *Ibid*, pg 8.

<sup>18</sup> Israel Shahak, *Open Secrets: The Israeli Nuclear and Foreign Policies* (London: Pluto Press, 1977) p. 165-168

<sup>19</sup> Shlomo Texna, "The Building in the Territories Was Frozen, and Continued at Full Speed," *Makari*, Feb 27, 2001

<sup>20</sup> cited by Noam Chomsky "Introduction to *The New Intifada* London: Verso, p.20

<sup>21</sup> Steinbach, pg 9

<sup>22</sup> Steinbach, pg 9

## For More Information:

[www.seruv.org](http://www.seruv.org)

[www.palestinecampaign.org](http://www.palestinecampaign.org)

[www.indictsharon.net](http://www.indictsharon.net)

[www.btselem.org](http://www.btselem.org)

[www.electronicintifada.org](http://www.electronicintifada.org)

\*See New Palestinian Indymedia site:

<http://virtualpalestine.org/update>

Recommended reading:

- Pity the Nation by Robert Fisk (Simon & Schuster 1991).

The New Intifada: Resisting Israel's

Apartheid (Verso 2001)

- Drinking the Sea at Gaza by Amira

Hass (Owl Books 2000).

- Fateful Triangle: the US, Israeli and the Palestinians by Noam Chomsky and Edward Said (Southend Press 1999).

## Pictures of Palestine

- Two days of films -

December 6 & 7th

Films to be announced

For more information:

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box 23, Winter Harbor, ME 04693

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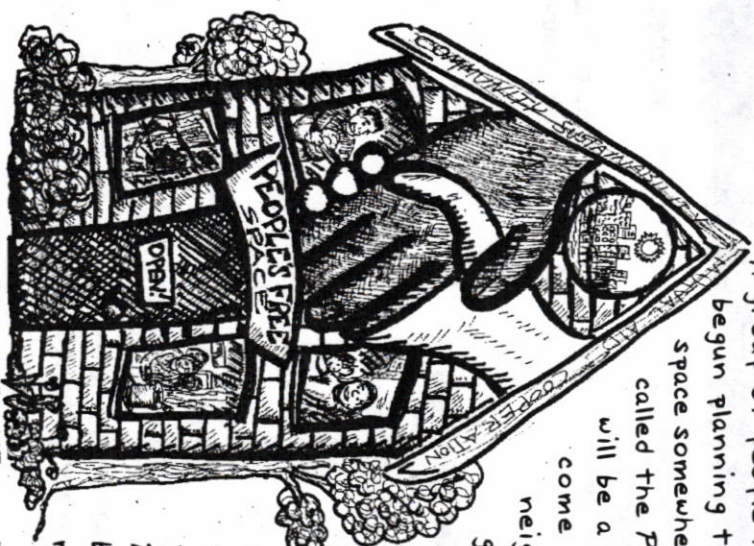
Yesterday I was informed of an interesting phenomenon: a peace-supporting Jewish organization called Tikkun published an ad in favor of us, the Israeli Reservist refuseniks [now over 1,000 Israeli soldiers officers & generals], and was immediately bombarded with hate mail and phone calls from other American Jews. What is more interesting is that even other Jews considering themselves supporters of peace have denounced the Tikkun ad, to the extent that some of the Tikkun Advisory Board members are resigning in order to minimize the personal damage to themselves. This has so saddened, alarmed and angered me, that I find myself setting aside a half-day at the eve of Passover, and writing this open letter to you all. As is my habit, it is quite long, so please bear with me.

Most of the 'civilized' attacks, so I understand, were seemingly aimed at this or that detail of the Tikkun ad. This is nothing new to me. Over the past two months since we came out with our own ad, I've heard and read so many specific arguments about specific aspects of our act. They range from petty nit-picking to plain ludicrous, and each and every one of them can be refuted to dust in a matter of minutes. But the moment you refute them, new specific arguments sprout up like mushrooms. It is clear that there is something very general and non-specific behind all this criticism. Therefore, if you allow me, I will start from the general and only later turn to a couple of these specific issues.

The general theme is the tribal theme. A very very loud voice (and in Israel nowadays, it is the only voice that is allowed to be fully heard) keeps shouting that we are in the midst of a war between two tribes: a tribe of human beings, of pure good — the Israelis — and a tribe of sub-human beings, of pure evil — the Palestinians. This voice is so loud, that it has found its way even to the op-ed pages of the New York Times (William Safire, March 24 or 25). To those who find this black-and-white picture a bit hard to believe, the same voice shouts that this is a war of life and death. Only one tribe will survive, and so even if we are not purely good, we must play morality and conscience to sleep, shut up and fight to kill—or else, the Palestinians will throw us into the sea.

Does this ring a bell to you? It does to me. As a little child growing up in Israel under Golda Meir and Moshe Dayan, all I heard was that the Arabs are inhuman monsters who want to throw us into the sea, they understand only force, and since our wonderful IDF has won the Six Day War they know not to mess with us anymore—or else. And of course, we must keep

## People's Free Space



A group of people in Portland, Maine have begun planning to open up a community space somewhere in the downtown area, called the People's Free Space. It will be a place where people can come and meet their neighbors, friends, strangers, elders and children, and support one another in a cooperative environment. We are at the very beginning stages of making this dream a reality and we need people to offer your input on what the People's Free Space can be and to be involved in making this space a place

### some of the possible things at the People's Free Space

free store, lending library, connections to rural projects, gallery space, multi-media performance space, herbal pharmacy, wind and/or solar powered, resource center, community garden resource, kid, teenage, adult and elder friendly, free school, herbal pharmacy, darkroom, pottery space, media editing center, meeting space for groups, self publishing resources, a place for internship and apprentice learning, small vegetarian/vegan cafe, center for co-op buying club, innovation/experiment space, community kitchen, having a computer and other equipment as resources, transportation network and ride board, housing boards, a place to hang out, and yes.....**PUBLIC BATHROOMS!!!**

contact the People's Free Space  
[peoplesfreespace@riseup.net](mailto:peoplesfreespace@riseup.net)  
 box 1582 Portland, Maine 04104



with developmentally disabled adults. During his college years and in his professional work, Camilo has continued to devote his time to help people in impoverished communities attain basic survival needs, from food and housing to environmental health and protection from domestic violence. He now works for the Massachusetts Alliance of HUD Tenants helping low income tenants -- mostly elderly and disabled -- organize to improve their living conditions. Lori Ann Shemanski, a VISTA project coordinator had this to say about Camilo's arrest: "the reaction of the tenants, of his coworkers, ... is one of incredulity as to how the police made such an error... for we all know Camilo's gentle temperament, his consistent patience and his peace-keeping nature."

## TWO YEARS LATER

By now, two years since the Republican Convention protest, of the 400 plus arrested, 95% have had their cases either dismissed for lack of evidence or been acquitted. The blatant abuse of power by the Philadelphia police and courts in an effort to stifle political dissent has resulted in several civil rights lawsuits against the City. Settlements are already being made in favor of the protesters. Camilo, however, has just received a trial date of October 9 to face the prosecutor's final attempt to make an example of someone after all the city's misdeeds and wasted resources. Their threat is very real in the climate of fear since 9/11 as the government further shrinks civil liberty in favor of "security" and the City of Philadelphia holds its 60 years prison time over an upstanding man's head.

The support group, Friends of Camilo, is continuing to work distributing literature, organizing events, raising money, and writing letters to editors to publicize this case. They are also hoping to talk with more people who were in Philly August 1, 2000, who saw what happened in the streets and could weigh in with their stories. Friends of Camilo is planning to exert political pressure on Philly officials as well through gathering petition signatures and letters of support from individuals and organizations.

## KEEP CAMILO FREE Harvest HoDown

October 5th at 28 Cemetery St., Providence, RI for more information contact info below:

### Friends of Camilo-Providence

can be reached at:

POBox 23169 Providence, RI 02903; stayingstrong@hotmail.com and Mimi @ 401-351-6960. A web site offers info and literature as well:

[www.friendsofcamilo.org](http://www.friendsofcamilo.org).

For a chronology of the original protest and the legal fallout, visit the legal collective's web site at [www.r2kphilly.org](http://www.r2kphilly.org).

the Liberated Territories to ourselves, because there's no one to talk with. Then came the Yom Kippur war, and for a child of 7 it was the perfect proof that indeed the Arabs want to throw us into the sea, and what a great opportunity it was for our glorious IDF to teach them a lesson. I prayed for the war to continue to its natural and final end -- the complete surrender of all Arab armies. I was too small to evaluate, then, how the war really ended; all these cease-fires and talks were too complicated and boring, much more boring than a war.

And it seemed humiliating that WE should withdraw in these cease-fires; I Remember that the re-opening of the Suez Canal was portrayed in our mass media as a kind of defeat.. A few years passed and a funny thing happened: those throw-us-into-the-sea Arabs came to talk with us, and in exchange for all of Sinai they would sign a full peace. The IDF chief of staff (the late Moshe Gur, later a Labor Party minister) shouted that it is a hoax, that we should not believe Saadat, but the politicians had to sign. Already a teenager, I went and protested against the withdrawal from Sinai. It seemed strange to me that most of the demonstrators were orthodox Jews. After all, it was a purely logical issue: the Arabs are not to be trusted, that's what we've learned from day one. Well, lucky for the country, the government and the majority of the people employed a different logic, and the peace with Egypt was not missed.

But the throw-us-into-the-sea paradigm immediately found new fields for play. There was an inconvenient reality on the Northern border, and even though the forces on the other side (Palestinians 'Phew') had strictly adhered to a secret cease-fire for about a year, they were Arabs and therefore could not be trusted. So we talked ourselves into invading Lebanon and setting up a friendlier regime there. The mastermind of the invasion was defense minister Ariel Sharon, and Shimon Peres, then head of opposition, voted together with his party in favor of the invasion. Only later, when it turned sour, and after many refusniks already sat in jail, would the main opposition turn against the whole affair. For me at 16 it was also a turning point. When I understood that the government had lied to me in order to sell me this war, I turned from 'center-rightist' to 'leftist'. Sadly enough, it has taken me almost 20 more years, in a slow and painful process, to understand how deeply the lies and self-delusion are rooted in our collective perception of reality.

Anyway, when Peres withdrew most of our forces from Lebanon in 1985, the Arabs could still not be trusted. And so, to soothe our endless paranoia and suspicion, we created that perpetual source of death and crime ironically known as "the Security Zone." It took many years, a lot of blood and Four Mothers -- against almost all politicians, generals, and columnists -- to finally pull us out of Lebanon. In the long and hard way, we learned that even the Lebanese are human beings whose rights must be respected. But not the Palestinians. Because the Palestinians are too painfully close, like a rival sibling (and, may I add, because they have always been so weak), we have singled them out for a special treatment. Having them under our rule, we've allowed ourselves to trample them like dirt, like dogs. We've been doing it even to our own Palestinian citizens (especially before 1966), but we have perfected Our treatment in this strange no man's land created in 1967, and known as the Occupied Territories. There we have created an entirely hallucinatory reality, in which the true humans, members of the Nation of Masters, could move and settle freely and safely, while the sub-humans, the Nation of Slaves, were shoved into the corners, and kept invisible and controlled under our IDF boots. I know. I've been there. I was taught how to do this, back in the mid-1980's.

I did, and witnessed as a matter of fact, deeds that I'm ashamed to remember to this day. And fortunately for me, I did not have to witness or do anything truly "pornographic", as some friends of mine experienced. Since 1987, this cruel, impossible, unnatural, insulting reality in the Territories has been exploding in our face. But because of our unshakable belief that the Palestinians are monsters who want to throw us into the sea, we reacted by trying to maintain what we've created at all costs. This meant of course employing more and more force, with the natural result of receiving more and more force in return. When a fledgling and hesitating peace process tried to work its way through this mess, one major factor (perhaps





THE factor) that undermined it and voided its meaning was our establishment's endless fear and suspicion of The Other. To resolve this fear and suspicion, we chose the insecure route of demanding full control of The Other throughout the process. When this Other finally decided that we're cheating him out of his freedom (and having too many mental disorders of his own to accommodate ours as well), violence erupted, and all our ancient instincts woke up.

There they are, we said in relief, now we see their true face again. The Arabs want to throw us into the sea. There's no one to talk with ('no partner', in our beloved ex-PM's words), and they understand only force. And so we responded as we know and love, with more and more and more force. This time, the effect was that of putting out a fire with a barrel of gasoline. And that's the moment when I said to myself, NO, I'm not playing this game anymore.

But what about the existential threat, you may ask? Well I ask you, have you not eyes? Don't you see our tanks strolling in Palestinian streets every other day? Don't you see our helicopters hovering over their neighborhoods choosing which window to shoot a missile into? What type of existential need are we answering in trampling the Palestinians? Prevention of terror. I hear you say. Let me use the wonderful words of my friend Ishay Rosen-Zvi: You are fighting against terror? What a joke. The Israeli government, in its policies of Occupation, has turned the territories into a greenhouse for growing terror!! We have sown the seeds, grown them, nurtured them — and then our blood is spilled, and the centrist-right-wing politicians reap the benefits. Indeed, terror is the right-wing politician's best friend. You know what? When you treat millions of people like sub-humans for so long, some of them will find inhuman strategies to fight back. Isn't that what the Zionists, and other Jewish revolutionaries argued about a hundred years ago in order to explain the questionable strategies of survival that Jews used in Europe? Didn't our forefathers say, Let us live like human beings, and see how we'll act just like other human beings? So here's the deal, I hope that the first part of this letter made it clear that I don't buy the "they want to throw us into the sea" crap. It's just a collective self-delusion of ours. But more importantly, I don't see tribes. I see people, human beings. I believe that the Palestinians are human beings like us. What a concept, eh? And before everything else, before EVERYTHING else, we must treat them like human beings without demanding anything in return. And no (to all die-hard Barak fans), throwing them a couple of crumbs in which they can set up pitiful, completely controlled Bantustans in between our settlements and bypass roads, and believing it to be a great act of "generosity", does NOT come close to answering this basic requirement. This requirement is NOT negotiable; moreover, in a perfect demonstration of historical justice, it is a vital requirement for the survival of our own State.

After that, and based on the lessons of modern history, especially that of the Arab-Israeli conflict (as was briefly described above), I do believe that the Palestinians will calm down, and that the elusive "Security" and peace will finally come upon us (as it did, incidentally, for almost two whole years between Wye 1998 and Camp David 2000). I don't have any insurance policy for that (well — almost none, except the solemn promise of the entire Arab world, but remember - I have this funny notion that they are human beings. In any case, we are seeing now all too well what type of insurance policy the opposite paradigm is providing us. In the meanwhile, I refuse to be a terrorist in my tribe's name. Because that's what it is: not a "war against terror", as our propaganda machine tries to sell. This is a war OF terror, a war in which, in return for

## RESPECTED ACTIVIST THREATENED WITH DECADES BEHIND BARS

### PHILLY PROSECUTOR CONTINUES CRUSADE AGAINST FREE SPEECH

Camilo Viveros, born to immigrant parents, was raised in the closely-knit Portuguese community of Fall River, Massachusetts. He has been involved in work for social justice for virtually his whole life. His caring is evidenced in his work with many grassroots community organizations, and it is this which brought him to Philadelphia in August of 2000 to protest the Republican National Convention.

Like many others, Camilo (pronounced: Camille) went to Philly to highlight economic injustices in this country and the increasing prioritization of profits over people's needs. Many different groups were there to protest and thousands took to the streets of Philadelphia in an exercise of their right to free speech. Before the protest had even begun, this right was being taken from them.

On July 31, Philadelphia police raided the warehouse where activists were preparing signs and puppets, destroying personal property and arresting 70. These illegal acts continued for the duration of the protests with police arresting anyone who looked like they intended to participate. In one case, they stopped a bus full of snakes and lizards that they claimed activists were planning to release during the protests. In reality, the bus was driven by a person whose business was to supply animals to area pet stores. Most incidences were not so humorous, however.

Many protesters were beaten and wounded. In keeping with a too common police practice, most injured protesters were charged with assaulting the police while the opposite was true. One man had to have his ear stitched back onto his head. In jails, people were kept in severely overcrowded cells without basic necessities; medication was denied to diabetic and HIV positive prisoners; and many prisoners were further physically abused.

Camilo was one of these hundreds arrested and treated brutally over those days of the Convention, but he had the misfortune of being charged with assaulting the top Philly cop: Police Commissioner Timony. Those who know Camilo believe that it is unlikely that he committed any such assault.

In his teens, he was a caregiver, volunteering on a suicide hot line and in group homes





Palestinian guerrilla and terror, we employ the IDF in two types of terror. The more visible one are the violent acts of killing and destruction, those which some people still try to explain away as "surgical acts of defense." The worst type of terror is the silent one, which has continued unabated since 1967 and through the entire Oslo process. It is the terror of Occupation, of humiliation on a personal and collective basis, of deprivation and legalized robbery, of alternating exploitation and starvation.

This is the mass of the iceberg, the terror that is itself a long-term greenhouse for counter-terror. And I simply refuse to be a terrorist and criminal, even if the entire tribe denounces me. That leads me to the first specific subject: are we, the refuseniks, being persecuted and denounced, or are we enjoying the wonderful Israeli tolerance and democracy and exploiting it to make trouble? Well, I must admit that this is not yet the USSR or Pinochet's Chile, and at least the Jews here enjoy a relative democracy (describing it as vibrant or tolerant would be a gross error, but that is a different subject altogether; maybe in another letter). I first must point out that the government and IDF also enjoy the image of 'letting us speak', and it serves them well. Secondly, in a rather sophisticated manner the establishment (with the generous and voluntary help of the mass media) is effectively down. No one in Israel or in the Jewish public abroad was interested.

Where were all these holy souls, who now scold Tikkun because they indirectly allude to the Nazi horror, where were they all when a senior IDF officer proudly called, "in order to beat the Palestinians, let's be Judeo-Nazis"? In my letter to Haaretz I went further. Knowing the IDF mentality and adding one to one, I concluded that the IDF is operationally prepared to invade refugee camps - an utter, indefensible war crime - and through this leak to the press it is starting to pressure the government and prepare the public opinion for the invasion. The letter was not published. It was sent on February 2. A few weeks later we all saw the horrors of the refugee camp invasions and the bloody revenge attacks that followed culminating on Passover eve. And you know what? Army generals and colonels morally and professionally pat themselves on the back, because these invasions "prevented terror", and killed only dozens and not thousands. (Note: in fact, the major reason limiting the bloodshed was the "terrorists" responsible decision not to turn the camps into all-out battlegrounds. But this may change in the next round.)

In truth, I have little hope that the Israeli public will wake up. The Israeli public, in its fear and confusion, has made a decision (aided by the politicians and mass media) to go to sleep and wake up only 'after it is all over'. But it won't be over, because while our mind sleeps our muscles tighten the death grip, instead of doing the only sensible thing (which requires an open mind) - which is to let go. Will you guys join the hypocrite mobs who sing lullabies to Israel and pounce upon the refuseniks, upon Tikkun, to shut us up? Or will you finally take responsibility and be the true friends that Israel needs now - even if it means not being "nice" to Israel for a while? As you sit tonight at the Seder table, please remember the dozen or so refuseniks that spend this Seder in a military jail.

More importantly, please remember the thousand or so people, three quarters Palestinians and one quarter Israelis, who were here with us a year ago and have been murdered. Most of them could have been here with us, if you and we had acted sooner. We have now acted, done what little we can do. Please think of the many thousands that may be doomed soon, if you continue sitting on the fence. May you have a happy Holiday of Freedom, Please help us struggle free from fear, racism, hatred and the deaths they produce.

**Yours,**  
**Assaf Oron**



# war notes

The "War on Terrorism" continues, now 11 months since the US first began bombing Afghanistan, one year since the towers fell. The world has undergone massive changes since then and continues to change rapidly as the powerful fist of the US comes crashing down onto dissident nations, organizations, and individuals. People are being bombed and locked away by the military prison industrial machine that the US government elite is spreading across the globe. Sweatshop slave labor, prison building and labor, oil drilling, drug dealing, weapons manufacturing and distribution; it is a system of death that the US government, CIA, military and corporate elite spread and force upon the people of the planet. This war is the eternal war, the war to continue all wars and continue an eternal battle against the forever changing forces of evil. Today Eastasia, tomorrow Eurasia. Yesterday Osama, today Saddam. We are fed a steady stream of information from the newspapers, TV headlines, internet, advertising, all baring messages to us about terrorism and war, patriotism and the economy. As this war continues on, more people are seeing it for the sham that it is. Seeing that Bush has little concern about the lives of the 3000 dead people in the World Trade Center, but exploits their death for his own power. More and more people are questioning the dominant cultures patriotic frenzy and are discovering for themselves what actual freedom, liberty and equality mean.

## Afghanistan

It has slipped out of the headlines but a war is still being fought in Afghanistan and the turmoil in that country is nowhere

closer to being over. The US has continued to bomb the mountain regions of Afghanistan to pursue Al-Qaeda and the Taliban, we're told. The US is past its over war in Afghanistan because they've proclaimed a victory, but now the protracted military industrial control begins. US special commandos patrol the country side and UN "peacekeepers" are policing the city streets.

Hamid Karzai was recently "elected" head of Afghanistan by a grand council, or "loya jirga," in which a foreign body, controlled by the United States, selected delegates; unelected warlords who had ravaged the country were permitted to control the meeting and to threaten delegates who refused to vote their way; and the U.S. special envoy to Afghanistan, Zalmay Khalilzad, refused to allow at least two other candidates to stand for election. This is not a surprising outcome of the new "democratic" processes put in place in Afghanistan, as once again a oil friendly puppet remains in power. Negotiations between Unocal and Karzai have been reinitiated to build an oil pipeline through Afghanistan, which would allow the US and other Western markets to gain secure access to the oil-rich Caspian region.

Meanwhile chaos is prevalent in the country as warlords seek to control their individual regions. The US supports some warlords and works against others, continuing to divide and conquer the Afghani people. The Afghan central government has continued to use strict Islamic rule to oppress the people, and while not as many people are being stoned to death these days, many lifestyle offenses (such as adultery, premarital sex, drug use etc.) are

history of very public nonviolent civil disobedience and ran against congressional representative Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore) on the Green Party ticket, receiving 15,000 votes

In a recent example of the collusion of local police departments and the FBI to suppress citizen dissent, people visiting a public timber sale area have been, in the last week, stopped, photographed, interrogated, handcuffed, harassed and intimidated by law enforcement after more than an hour of this mis-treatment, police released the citizens without charges. These actions were justified by "an on-going investigation" into a non-violent protest at the solo timber sale auction. Citizens engaged in lawful, Constitutionally-protected protest, had pictures, video, and information and videotapes of themselves passed on to the FBI by the Clackamas County Sheriff. These "investigations" are thinly-veiled attempts to intimidate and prevent citizens from participating in activism to protect public forest lands. The PJTTF has made no meaningful arrests, or progress towards enhancing public safety during its existence. Cascadia Forest Alliance stands in solidarity with those who are being harassed and targeted by the PJTTF for their political beliefs. The PJTTF's disgraceful attempts to justify their continued tax-payer funding do nothing to enhance public safety, while eroding civil liberties and the very freedoms that Oregonians and Americans hold dear.

nonviolent political groups and property crimes, not violent crimes against persons.



About a month before the Portland Joint Terrorism Task Force (PJTF) is scheduled to expire (pending reauthorization by the Portland City Council) it has indicted four people for damaging three log trucks more than a year ago. Under pressure to produce "results" to justify its continued existence, the suspicious timing of these indictments appears to be politically motivated. Police and PJTF refused to reveal even general information about the evidence they are using to justify the indictments.

They also refused to answer questions from the media about how much money has been spent on this investigation.

During hearings last fall, city officials admitted that the PJTF's files are completely insulated from all public review, including Mayor Katz and even Chief Kroeker himself. Given the highly suspicious nature of these indictments, the lack of accountability to the people of Portland, and the well documented FBI history of framing activists, we have no confidence in the validity of these indictments.

On June 11, 2002, a court verdict proved that the FBI, in collusion with the Oakland Police Department, violated the First and Fourth

Amendment rights of Earth First! activists Judi Bari and Cherney. The jury was outraged by the actions of the FBI and Oakland police continued to lie to the media, saying there was plenty of evidence they were the bombers. The FBI refused to follow up on ample evidence as to the identity of the true bomber, who remains at large to this day. The FBI used the "investigation" of the bombing as a pretext for nation-wide monitoring of EarthFirst!, creating dossiers on over 500 people who received phone calls from Bari or Cherney or one of 14 people associated with them. Here in Portland, the PJTF has amassed a consistent record of spying on and harassing citizens engaged in legal, non-violent protests. Three of the four people indicted have been active with social justice issues through Portland State University. The fourth person indicted, Tre Arrow, has a history of very public non-

There is no better example than the Judi Bari case to show that the FBI continues to use covert action tactics against political movements and activists which they perceive as threats to the established order. In spite of knowing full well from their own expert's testimony that Bari and Cherney were innocent victims of a bomb attempt on their lives, the FBI and Oakland police continued to lie to the media, saying there was plenty of evidence they were the bombers. The FBI refused to follow up on ample evidence as to the identity of the true bomber, who remains at large to this day. The FBI used the "investigation" of the bombing as a pretext for nation-wide monitoring of EarthFirst!, creating dossiers on over 500 people who received phone calls from Bari or Cherney or one of 14 people associated with them. Here in Portland, the PJTF has amassed a consistent record of spying on and harassing citizens engaged in legal, non-violent protests. Three of the four people indicted have been active with social justice issues through Portland State University. The fourth person indicted, Tre Arrow, has a history of very public non-

## Four Indictments in Oregon

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met with long jail terms and or worse. Not surprisingly, Heroin production has rapidly increased in the Afghan countryside, a classic trademark of the CIA. So the US has bombed Afghanistan, killed over 4000 people (a rough estimate from various news services, which does not include the thousands more who have probably died since the bombings due to starvation, malnutrition, and freezing), the oil will soon be flowing through Afghanistan, and Osama (who's that?) is still free. Now that's what I call Enduring Freedom!

### Iraq

An attack on Iraq is imminent. Bush has issued numerous vague threats and demands, while strengthening the sanctions that have killed over a million Iraqis. They are calling for a Regime Change.

US diplomats have been travelling around the world trying to win support for a war against Iraq even though most people in the world are against it. But Baby Bush needs to live in his father's footsteps, and after exhausting the devil symbolism of Osama, needs a new evil Saddam. We are being told that he is building and amassing weapons of mass destruction and we ought to be shocked by this, but yet what country has the most weapons of mass destruction, and has shown the most willingness to use them? The US. Bush has denied weapons inspectors access to US weapons facilities, but yet, like his father, he uses Saddam's denial of the same as one of his reasons for wanting to bomb the Iraqi people.

Bush the First economically and militarily supported Saddam Hussein all the way up until he invaded Kuwait. Then Bush 1 went to war and asserted further US mili-

tary control over the middle east by placing more troops in Saudi Arabia, Israel and bombing the Iraqi people and all their internal infrastructure. Then Bush 1 placed sanctions on Iraq, with the supposed purpose of taking Saddam Hussein out of power, but the sanctions did little to reduce Saddam's power and only increased the suffering of the Iraqi people. Hundreds of thousands of children have died from starvation, malnutrition, no access to medicine, lack of clean water. The US sanctions prevent many of the goods that Iraq was once dependent on, into the country, and since their country has been bombed to the middle ages, they no longer have the capabilities to feed, clothe, and take care of their people.

Now Bush the second is using his war on terrorism as an excuse to bomb Iraq because Iraq may give weapons to terrorists, has not supported the US war on terrorism, because there may possibly be alleged links to a supposed Al-Qaeda connection, and because Saddam is a dictator and enemy of freedom. We are told a war will begin in the next year. Baby Bush falls close to his father's tree.

### Philippines

Just over a hundred years ago the US military landed on the tropical islands that are known as the Philippines, they killed thousands of Filipinos and took control of the Philippines for the next 50 years. Then the US corporations and economy took control and fascism gained its foot in the Philippines. In 1990 the Filipino people kicked the US military bases off of the islands, but now 104 years after the initial invasion, the US military is return-



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Ono Roldán, the State Department's senior official for Latin America, said in an interview that the administration of Colombian President-elect Álvaro Uribe needs to move aggressively to "take the war to the guerrillas" of the Colombian Revolutionary Armed Forces (FARC). He warned that the guerrillas have adopted a "perverse strategy" of trying to destroy the government from the lowest level up. "In recent days, the FARC, has threatened to kill or kidnap Colombia's municipal judges and mayors if they do not resign," he said.

mayors in duty do not resign—prompting several dozen mayors to quit. The offensive is a direct challenge to Uribe, who won a victory in May's election after campaigning on a promise to increase military pressure on the FARC. Uribe, who takes office next month, has promised to sharply boost military spending and double the size of Colombia's army. The Bush administration is backing Uribe's plans, and is asking Congress to increase US aid to Colombia, which has totaled nearly \$2 billion since 2000. Reich, who flew to Bogota, Colombia's capital, five days after Uribe's election, said Bush administration officials believe that the new president is "not an extremist," but is "very level-headed." Said Reich: "He's somebody who realizes his government is under attack, just like our country was under attack last Sept. 11, when we had to take very strong measures." (LAT, July 7) ■

(http://www.washington.com/le-ft-01031003a10309)

There is little doubt in my mind that the real reasons behind this raid have very little to do with minor actions in Maine three years ago. The RCMP, now with the overt complicity of U.S. law enforcement, are continuing their campaign of harassment against the ALF's most vocal and visible supporter.

The police know that I don't have any information to help identify ALF activists; this is nothing more than a case of shooting the messenger. Although the bullets being used are in the form of search and seizures, the real damage is in the form of attempting to disrupt my life and my work, and attempting to increase the stress in my life.

On Sept. 24, a hearing will take place in B.C. Supreme Court in Vancouver to discuss the Warrant and its execution. As well, an order will be sought by U.S. authorities to send the seized items to Maine. Through my lawyer I will be fighting back, and I will be seeking an order to quash the Warrant based on flimsy and non-existent grounds for conducting the search, and also, an order will be sought for the return of all my property.

In addition, I'll be making a formal complaint to the RCMP Public Complaints Commission concerning the raid and its execution, the needless and inappropriate damage to my residence, the seizure of items not listed in the Warrant, the harassment of my friends, the release of my cats into the outdoors, and the release of my name and address to the media.

In the meanwhile, the ALF Press Office is seeking monetary donations to help cover our legal expenses, and to help cover the cost of replacing computers and software.

Donations and requests for more information can be sent to P.O. Box 3673, Courtenay, BC V9N 7P1 Canada, or write us at [naalfpo@tao.ca](mailto:naalfpo@tao.ca) or call 250-703-6312.

On a final note, there is one thing that we must be clear on. This raid was not about animal rights issues or actions; this raid was about how we all have lost a large chunk of basic civil liberties and human rights. It's about how we really do live under the rule of a police state where it's no longer allowable to speak your mind or express beliefs which oppose oppression, and which challenge the corporate/military governments. To do so risks police raids, possible arrest and lengthy jail terms.

For many of us, we've understood and watched the erosion of our freedoms for many years, and we've become very alarmed at how this deterioration has increased drastically since Sept. 11, 2001. And yet, still it takes a major police action, like his latest raid, for the concept to really sink in.

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This is it. The time is now. This is our life, and how events unfold in our lifetime will be the difference between a life of freedom for all or a life lived under the boot of fascism. The police state is here; do we live, and fight on our feet? Or do we die on our knees? Drastic words, perhaps, but what kind of world do we really want to live in?



would to discover that a solitary newspaper article can stand alone as the sole supporting document giving a judge enough of a basis to issue a search warrant.

Indeed, the apparent crimes in Maine are of a political nature and are more appropriately classified as economic sabotage, a political strategy used by social justice activists for centuries. In this era of "smoking out the terrorists," economic sabotage, or non-violent property damage done for political reasons, is now egregiously labeled "terrorism."

B.C. Civil Liberties Association spokesperson Murray Mollard commented, "It raises the question what is terrorism? This would not be the kind of action we consider terrorism. (The raid) appears to be using a criminal matter to permit the United States to come into Canada. It's an expansion of authority on what is essentially a criminal issue." (Comox Valley Echo, Aug. 09, 2002)

### Search Warrant

The Search Warrant called for a shopping list of items to be seized, including:

- photos, negatives, videos, and cameras
- computers, computer disks, software and hardware
- paper files, address books, phone records, lists of names of ALF activists
- maps of past or future ALF targets and ALF members' residences
- records of disposition of funds between myself and ALF activists

The key to this list is that all items to be seized must be related to

*"activities or members of the Animal Liberation Front in the State of Maine."*

How then, one might ask, are the following seized items related to the investigation or covered by the Warrant:

- notes from the kitchen table with instructions to friends on feeding our cats and watering our garden while away on vacation
- an address book belonging to my housemate
- U.S. postal mail bags (received as "M Bag" mail)
- A.L.F. 2001 Direct Action Report, a publicly available document
- numerous videotapes of publicly available documentaries regarding animal rights, environmental, and social justice issues
- videos, documents, and computer files seized by the RCMP in a previous raid in 1997 and later returned after the conclusion of the previous campaign of harassment
- a report I produced for my lawyer in 2000 documenting a covert RCMP/NSIS (National Security Investigation Section) undercover operation used against me from 1995 - 1997 (an operation documented by personal notes and videos, and RCMP documents and reports, which attempted to set me up to burn down a building)

In a Briefing Note filed by INSET member Sgt. Frank Martino on July 31, 2002, he lists upfront some of the items seized, seemingly indifferent to their apparent disassociation from the criteria listed in the Search Warrant. In fact, the only item that might have any connection are phone bills from 1999 showing calls made to Maine. Now the RCMP have an extensive collection of fax and phone numbers for Maine media outlets!

In addition to stealing items they didn't even have the authority to take by their own rules, a callous and ruthless attitude was evident in the wake of the raid. Aside from the unnecessary smashing of my front door, several rooms were literally upturned. Files and garbage were strewn about my office and personal letters were removed from files and placed open around the room. Our friends were questioned, threatened, and harassed when they arrived to feed the cats, and our indoor cats were let outside to fend for themselves.

The day following the raid, the RCMP released my name and address to the media even

control and cover up information concerning government knowledge and/or involvement with the Sept 11th attack. We are being told that it is a problem with communication between different wings of the FBI, CIA and police, and that they need more legal capabilities to "fight terrorism." The media has bought this cover and reported the surface of the issue without really unearthing the truth about the administrations' involvement or knowledge with these attacks.

In the last issue of Moss on Urban Decay,

we briefly summarized some of the inconsistencies with the original official story that are not being examined in the media.

Now, the government says it is working to correct what went wrong before September and why intelligence links were not followed. The Bureaucracy is attacked and blamed for the inefficiency of the US's spy networks. The blame is deflected off the Bush administration and towards the FBI and the CIA. Bush has turned around and increased the power and funding of these organizations, and consolidated all security functions under the Department of Homeland Security and also issued various terrorist warnings. Bush is rapidly consolidating power and deflecting any opposition to his program.

### Department of

### Homeland Security

As mentioned above, the Department of Homeland security is Bush's response to growing criticism of the security establishment in the US and his attempt to use the criticism to build support for further

consolidation of power and total legalization of all "security measures." The Department of Homeland security is being heralded as the largest reorganization of the US government since the 1950's since it will bring under one department, FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency), the INS (Immigration and Naturalization Services), the FBI, the NSA (National Security Agency), ??? The implications of this are quite frightening as it becomes increasingly easier for the US government to surveil, monitor, criminalize, jail, persecute, and "neutralize" any people deemed to be threats to the US government. And any brief look at history will show you that this does not just mean some crazed Islamist planting bombs, but revolutionaries of all stripes, immigrants, minorities, students, teachers, religious people, artists and basically anyone else that stands up and resists the capitalist imperialist system.

### Pentagon Plans Droid Army

Following the prominent role of unmanned "drone" spy planes and "autonomous vehicles" (AV's) that snooped on al-Qaeda hideouts in Afghanistan, commanders are envisioning wars involving vast robotic fleets on the ground, in the air and on the seas--swarms of drones that will not just find their foes, but fight them, too. The droid army would be coordinated through a wireless "Internet in the sky," allowing thousands of robots to communicate quickly while zooming around a battle zone at speeds of up to 300 miles an hour. An association of some



## Verichip

The Jacobs Family of Boca Raton, Florida became the first Chipped family in May. The newspapers heralded the amazing medical possibilities with the new Verichips, made by Applied Digital Solutions. And so begins the Chipped era.

As corporations promote it and security demands it, more people will be implanted with the chip. Prisoners and people on probation will be implanted with it to track

*"I think they will continue their activities, but not necessarily against sportsmen's clubs," said Barbarash, who lives in Vancouver, B.C. "Sportsmen's clubs are just one target of many."*

"Barbarush said the Maine activists told him they stole animals from one of the clubs so they could be 'returned to their natural environment to rest in peace,'

It is an outrage that the type of invasion and harassment which I've been subjected to can take place against a spokesperson, the messenger, who has nothing at all to do with any illegal direct actions in the role as media liaison. I am neither aware of any action prior to its occurrence, nor am I aware of the identities of any ALF activist. The type of communication I receive from activists is anonymous and one-way.

It is even more of an outrage that the actions warranting this type of harassment are nothing more than minor property destruction offences, and it is pouring salt deeper into the

# Insidious INSET

by David Barbarash

The RCMP used a post-Sept. 11 newly formed anti-terrorist team to raid the home of Animal Liberation Front spokesperson David Barbarash on July 30, 2002. Formed in June, less than two months before the raid, four multi-agency integrated National Security Enforcement Teams (INSETs) will use the premise of "national security" to invade people's homes and attempt to disrupt lives even when no crimes have been committed.

From an RCMP Press Release issued June 18, 2002:

"(INSET) will help ensure early detection and prevention of any potential threats to national security. The importance of greater integration of resources and intelligence has been heightened by the reality of terrorism since the tragic events of September 11th, 2001.

Through shared federal, provincial and municipal resources - the INSET members will be better able to track and put a stop to the criminal activities (major or minor offenses) of terrorists groups or individuals who pose a threat to Canada's national security. This type of increased capacity will enable INSET members to work with their partners nationally and internationally towards the common goal of detection and disruption of potential terrorist threats.

"The Integrated National Security Enforcement Teams (INSETs) will apply Canada's laws, acts and regulations, and the new anti-terrorist legislation to assist in the early detection and disruption of any actual or intended terrorist acts. This integrated approach between intelligence and enforcement groups at the early stages of criminal activity has proven to be a highly effective model for successful prosecution."

INSET has field offices in Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal, and Ottawa, and integrates law enforcement officers from the RCMP, provincial police in Ontario and Quebec, and major metropolitan police forces. It will share information with CSIS (Canadian Security and Intelligence Service), immigration officials, and international police forces.

RCMP Superintendent Wayne Pilgrim says the new agency is also ready to use new counter-terrorist laws, including the power to make preventive arrests to stop terrorists from carrying out attacks.

"We basically operate on the premise of prevention, and that's either through prosecution or disruption.... whatever means are provided to us within the legal framework that we can operate," he said. (CBC, June 20, 2002)



against a former Premier of British Columbia. In that instance, RCMP officers traveled to California where Dohm was vacationing at the time to obtain his signature for the warrant, apparently wanting to ensure they got the warrant signed. Dohm is known for being extremely conservative; perhaps another Justice might have refused their request.)

(Perhaps not-so-coincidentally, Dohm was also the Justice who authorized wiretaps to be placed in my home and vehicle back in 1996 in regard to an RCMP investigation of mail bombs sent to fascists and razor-blade letters sent to hunters. Charges of sending razor-blade letters to BC guide outfitters were laid in 1998 but dropped in 2000 for lack of evidence and because the RCMP did not want to disclose critical information as ordered by a judge.)

On July 30, 2002 the Search Warrant was executed by four INSET members and five Vancouver Island based RCMP members.

It must be noted that I am neither charged nor under investigation for any actions or crimes in either country.

*"I have no real interest in Barbarash at all," said Sheriff Flannery. (ComoxValley Record, Aug. 09, 2002)*

## Information to obtain

To secure a Search Warrant an officer must swear out an Information to Obtain, upon which a judge will make the determination if he/she will authorize a search and seizure. The Information will spell out the crimes being investigated, the connection the person to be searched has to the investigation, the list of items to be searched and seized, and all supporting documentation.

Usually there must be fairly strong evidence to suggest the person to be searched is connected in some way with the actual crime, and there must be strong supporting documents and/or affidavits included, as the Information to Obtain is the only report the judge looks at to make a decision. In this situation there is only one document connecting me to the events in Maine: a single newspaper article published by Blethen Maine Newspapers on Oct. 05, 1999 after I gave an interview to reporter Dennis Hoey.

That's all there is - one newspaper article, which quotes me as saying basically the same things I've said hundreds of times in the past three years in my role as ALF spokesperson. This was apparently enough to get an authorization for a search warrant.

The Grounds for Belief in the Information to Obtain as presented by Cpl. Ross consist of twelve paragraphs: eight lay out the minor offenses being investigated, two deal with my current address and phone numbers, and two read as follows:

"In Sept. 1999, Dennis Hoey of the Blethen Newspapers in Brunswick, Maine wrote a newspaper article about the attacks. Attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "B" is a copy of Mr. Hoey's article. In that article, Mr. Hoey writes that David Barbarash relies on Animal Liberation Front anonymous letters and videotapes to publicize the group's activities.

"Furthermore, Mr. Hoey advised Detective Sergeant Turcotte that David Barbarash had sent a press release claiming that Barbarash had received some form of communication from the Animal Liberation Front activists in Maine relating to the criminal activities that they had committed at the Rod & Gun Clubs in Maine."

My role as spokesperson means that I will usually receive some form of communication from ALF activists following an action or raid where a claim of responsibility is made, which is what happened with these Maine incidents. I then draft a press release, which would include the Communiqué, and send it out to local media where the action took place. I am then available for media interviews to discuss the tactics and philosophy of the ALF, and the animal abuse being highlighted in the action. And that's it, end of story.

The newspaper article submitted as Exhibit "B" states, in part:

*"David Barbarash, North American spokesman (sic) for the animal rights*

"terrorist" activities of their neighbors, coworkers, family, friends, or political opponents. FEMA and the Government are actively recruiting truck drivers, postal workers, flight instructors, toll collectors, and anyone else that feels they may be able to help the "fight against terrorism on the homefront." The fact that these programs are directly controlled by FEMA is especially frightening as FEMA plays an increasingly large role in controlling the population of the US. Citizen Preparedness Councils, also run by FEMA will take over control of local and state governments, using the TIPS structure to develop a free and patriotic intelligence and law enforcement. It is a scene not far from Orwell's 1984, where the Spies were trained to tell on their parents and classmates.

But now we are told that the TIPS program has been cancelled. The government is already working on training programs with the postal service, trucking unions, firefighters and others to implement the TIPS program just under a different name. As soon as people get used to their "public servants" spying on them then they will be less resistant to their neighbors.

## Pentagon Boasts Space Supremacy

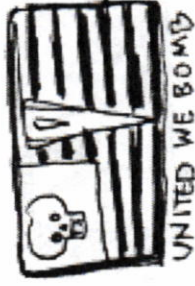
At the 18th annual National Space Symposium this April in Colorado Springs, top bigwigs from the Pentagon's Space Command, National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) and NASA met to chart an ambitious future for militarization of the Final Frontier. Peter Teets, former chief operating officer of aerospace giant Lockheed Martin, newly appointed to a dual role as

their movement. Applied

Digital Solutions has already signed a deal with the California department of corrections to track the movements of parolees using Digital Angel, the predecessor to VeriChip. People in Central and South America will be implanted with the chip to track them. At the end of February, Applied Digital Solutions signed a deal with the Brazilian government to distribute VeriChips. Vice President Keith Bolton said, "Here [in the US] we're still dealing with FDA and privacy and civil liberties issues. But we're not stopping. We're going into South America right now!" At some point we probably will be almost expected to be chipped. It will become a cultural and national standard. Just like now you "need" an ID and a Social Security number, someday we will be required to "Get Chipped" (which is a registered trademark of Applied Digital Solutions). In order to get in a building, your Chip will get scanned. Or to make a purchase at your local store, they will scan your Chip like a credit card. A cop needs your ID and information, all he has to do is just scan your neck. Pretty scary, and not too far off. (source Time magazine, March 11, 2002)

## T.I.P.S.

As part of Bush's Citizen Corp, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Tom Ridge, the Director of Homeland Security, began the TIPS program, but then after mass dissent claimed they stopped it. They had planned to recruit over a million Americans to act as amateur spies, reporting any suspicious





Air Force undersecretary and director of the NRO, the Pentagon's super-elite spy-satellite agency, was joined at the symposium by US Space Command chief Gen. Ralph "Ed" Eberhart. Updating an earlier saying of ex-NRO director Keith Hal, Teets stated: "Afghanistan has reinforced something about space dominance: We have it, we like it, and we're going to keep it."

Among the hi-tech Pentagon gizmos field-tested in Afghanistan are the "unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) coordinated by the new Global Positioning System Enhanced Theater Support (GETS) program, and the Global Broadcasting System (GBS). Eberhart said Space Command gave Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of US forces in Afghanistan, "seven times the bandwidth that was provided to Norman Schwarzkopf," and that "an individual soldier had 322 times the bandwidth that was available in Desert Storm." Teets said that "in no time in our history has the capability of space been so pivotal." He concluded that the challenge was to fully exploit "our space supremacy, our space dominance, to achieve war-fighting success."

Outside the symposium, a handful of protesters from the local group Citizens for Peace in Space held a banner reading "DOMINATING SPACE IS IMMORAL, ILLEGAL AND THREATENS WORLD PEACE." (Loring Witbel for the Non-Violent Activist War Resisters League, New York City, May-June, <http://www.warresisters.org/nva0502-4.htm>)

# Northern Command

The US and Mexico have announced a new partnership in "military protection"



of the continent, called the Northern Command, which

will act as a central command for all continental military. This will mean an increased role of the US military to fight against "terrorist" threats in Mexico. Which to the US and Mexican governments mean indigenous people, Zapatistas and other people who are resisting the free trade economic resource extraction machine. Through the Northern Command, the US is also looking to increase the military's role in domestic law enforcement. Air Force Gen. Ralph "Ed" Eberhart has been chosen to lead the Northern Command, which will be controlled by the Pentagon in cooperation with FEMA, FBI and other federal agencies. The Northern Command will be given responsibilities for air patrols over US cities and waters up to 500 miles of the US coast, and responding to terrorist attacks. Military tribunals for citizens is not far off, viewing the direction the military is leading us. (NYT, July 21)

## A NEW VIDEO GAME...

A more sophisticated new recruiting tactic is "America's Army," a free computer game produced by the military and aimed at winning the hearts and minds of tech-minded teenagers. The Army is seeking to recruit 79,500 young adults this year, and Lt. Col. Casey Wardynski, who designed the game, said, "Gaming tends to be very interesting to young Americans." The game, an ultra-realistic battlefield scenario, is provided free, and the military is encouraging gamers to copy it and share it with friends. (NYT, July 11) <http://www.nytimes.com/2002/07/11/technology/circuits/11ARMY.html?internal=0&print=0>

# Political police continue harassment campaign against Animal Liberation Front spokesperson

By David Barbarash  
North American A.L.F. Press Office  
Aug. 18, 2002

On Tuesday July 30, 9 members of the RCMP, Canada's national police agency, led by Cpl. Patrick Ross of the Integrated National Security Enforcement Team (see sidebar article, "Insidious INSET" below), executed a Search Warrant and raided my home and office in Courtenay, British Columbia. The search and seizure was carried out on behalf of law enforcement from two counties in the State of Maine, under the auspices of the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Treaty.

Although no one was home at the time, and access to the house could easily have been gained by breaking a window or picking a lock (the latter of which they would normally do to install electronic eavesdropping devices), the RCMP felt it somehow necessary to kick in the door. The wood was shattered, the window was cracked, and the doorframe and wall were damaged, all of which made the door completely unusable. When the police completed their search at 6:30 pm, I found a half hour after they began, they screwed in a sheet of chipboard over the doorway, leaving behind ransacked rooms, scattered files and garbage, and probably a few more bugs in the walls and ceilings.

Seized from my home were both my computers, dozens of computer disks, hundreds of videos, miscellaneous photos, files, and papers, four U.S. postal mail bags, plus documents and files seized (and later returned) from previous RCMP raids.

One might reasonably suspect that there was some recent ALF action of immense and costly proportions in which I was suspected of having some involvement to warrant such a cross-border raid, but in fact the incidents Kennebec and Sagadahoc County Sheriffs are investigating took place three years ago, in the summer of 1999, and the damages from the relatively minor actions total no more than \$8700.

From May through Sept. 1999 the Animal Liberation Front took credit for four actions against hunting clubs and one action against a Food and Drug Administration building in Maine. The actions essentially boil down to break and enter, spray painted walls, broken windows and doors, and stolen stuffed animal heads, which were returned to their natural environment to rest in peace according to the Communiqué received by the Press Office.

## Chronology

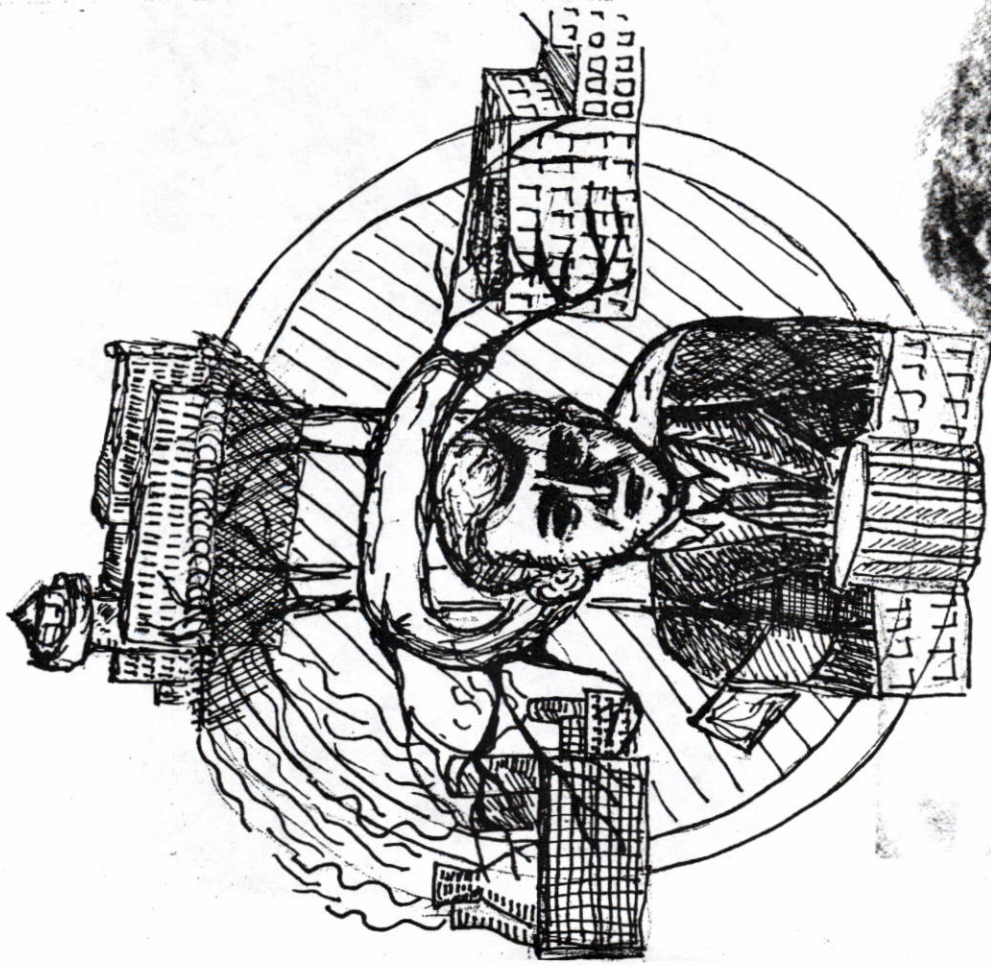
In July 1999 I took over the ALF Press Office and became the North American spokesperson. The actions in Maine were some of the first I worked on in my new role, giving interviews to Maine media outlets in Sept. 1999.

Four months later on Jan. 23, 2000 Kennebec County Sheriff Everett Flanney made a request for a search of the conducted against my home. On Oct. 11, 2000 and on May 14, 2001 supplemental requests for a search were made by U.S. authorities to the Canadian Minister of Justice.

Almost one year later, on May 07, 2002, the Canadian Justice Minister approved the request, and two and a half months after that on June 25 RCMP Cpl. Patrick Ross swore out an Information to Obtain a Search Warrant which was approved and signed by Associate Chief Justice Patrick Dohm of the BC Supreme Court.

(Dohm was recently in the news regarding another search warrant he signed





TO TAKE THE BETTING OR TO PREPARE THE FIGHT BACK?



# Resisting War



## Portland Anti-War Demonstrations Provide Hope And Inspiration

by Dan C 8:25pm Fri Apr 26 '02 landoflawn@yahoo.com

Anti-war demonstrations with protesters numbering over 150 (fairly large for a city of 65,000, especially considering the current political climate, and the fact that they were both organized in one week), occurred two weeks in a row on April 13th and 21st. Both rallies were highly energetic (even despite torrential rain on the 13th) with most of the demonstrators on both dates taking over the streets and slowing down traffic by marching throughout downtown Portland waving banners, drumming, chanting, and passing out thousands of leaflets. While the demonstration on the 13th focused on condemning the U.S.-backed Israeli occupation of Palestine, the protest on the 21st was more of a general show of opposition to the U.S. government's hypocritical "War On Terrorism." In addition to the Palestine issue, the bombing of Afghanistan (and a consequential loss of thousands of innocent lives), racist attacks on Muslims and people of Middle Eastern descent, and the slashing of civil liberties for immigrants and U.S. citizens were among topics of discussion and protest.

The demonstration on the 21st also occurred in solidarity with large anti-war protests that weekend around the world, particularly in Washington D.C. where an estimated 75,000 demonstrators marched on the U.S. capitol.

In addition to being incredibly lively, both of Portland's recent anti-war demonstrations were notable for being highly participatory and organized without hierarchy, centralized leadership, or permission from the city. The Portland police were baffled on the 21st, when protesters marched right past their police cars, ignoring their orders to get out of the streets. The drums drowned out their voices and they could find no leaders to give their orders to. Both of the demonstrations were called by an anonymous group of about a dozen individuals who decided to take it upon themselves to show their opposition to the war by hanging up posters, making phone-calls,

**My name is Jeffrey Luers.** Most of my friends call me "Free". I have -been active since 1996 fighting for a range of issues such as animal rights, gender equality, anti fascism, eco-defense and others. These issues are not separate they are one struggle, one fight. My story is only a small part of a greater whole. . .

In my lifetime I have witnessed an onslaught against the inhabitants of this world lead by the greed of industrialized nations. It is my belief that the oppression of people is rooted in the oppression and exploitation of nature. A fundamental disrespect for life that began with the conquest of Mother Nature and has lead to the conquest of humankind.

I struck back. In an act of resistance designated to raise awareness and draw attention to a problem that affects every human being, every animal, every plant, and every form of life on this planet. I am speaking of global warming, air, soil and water pollution. We are in the midst of a global environmental crisis.

On June 16, 2000 I ignited a fire that would forever change my life. I torched 3 SUV's. I took extra care and used specific fuels to ensure no one would be injured.

Approximately 30 minutes after the fire was lit and extinguished, I was taken into custody by 3 undercover agents who had been following me, one of whom I would later learn to be a member of an anti-domestic terrorist unit. I was arrested on Criminal Mischief One, a charge that carries about one year. In the course of one week that charge would multiply into 10 felony counts, including 3 counts of Arson One.

Getting to trial took the course of a year. By trial I had accumulated 13 felony counts, now including conspiracy with persons -unknown. I was looking at a little over 100 years. I refused to take a deal.

Trial was a joke, literally. We proved evidence had been tampered with, officers had lied and that the prosecutor had manipulated evidence to get a legal search. On top of that the judge refused to allow me to separate the trial. I had been charged with two different fires. Law requires that upon request separate offences must be tried separately. The final blow came when the judge threw out the testimony of my expert witnesses.

In the end I was convicted of 11 felony charges. I was sentenced to 22 years and 8 months. I have no possibility of parole.

This is only a summary of events that took place in the course of a year. For more information contact me directly or my defense network at:

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While we are so occupied arguing amongst ourselves about whose idea of the perfect world is better, the real world, the one we all live in is going to shit.

We think we have all the answers, if only people would do it our way, or my way, or your way. We are so caught up in attitudes of superiority that we fail to realize we are losing.

People we know and love are going hungry. People we care about are committing suicide and overdosing. People we know are being raped, beaten and abused. It is all around us, in every city, every town, every community. And we go right on writing our articles, putting out our zines, slagging people off and talking about the revolution.

What are we fighting for? Is there a goal? Because apparently we are not fighting for each other, for our community because it does not exist. Maybe we are fighting to protect the earth, but that must not be it either because we all still use electricity from dams, drive cars, and dumpster or buy food.

We know there are alternatives, we talk about them all the time. Yet we never work together to create them.

The ideal world does not exist. Not everyone is going to be an anarchist. Not everyone is going to be a vegan. And it is going to take a long long time to phase out mass production, pollution and become completely sustainable. That is just reality. We can't create the perfect world, but there is no reason why we can't work together to make the one we live in better.

We have to use every tool in the toolbox. If that means we gotta work with the unions to accomplish something, we do it. If we have to work with the church to feed hungry children, we do it. If we have to vote to change something, we do it. If we have to take direct action to stop something, we do it.

Because if we don't do it no one else will and 15 years from now you can read in Green Anarchy, The Earth First! Journal, Clamour Magazine (or whatever the fuck you read) how activists are fighting for the last acre of old growth, how the indigenous nations of the world have lost all their land, how 1 in 4 are in prison or under supervision. You will be able to read how we lost every single battle because we were too stubborn, too egotistical or too ideologically pure to work together.

We have a choice, we can shoot for the stars and accept nothing less or we can aim for the stars and take every step that gets us closer.

**I would compromise almost anything if it meant we could actually change the world and not just talk about it.**

and sending out emails advertising the date and time of the demonstrations. The success of the demonstrations, however, was due to the collective effort of all the different people who took it upon themselves to spread the word, make their own literature, and bring their own signs, banners, and drums. The make-up of the demonstrators was an eclectic mix of Muslims, Jews, Pacifists, Anarchists, moms, dads, grandparents, kids, students, working people, dropouts and street people. Many voices were heard without any voice dominating.

There was, however, a very noticeable anti-capitalist sentiment, with many people involved making connections between the U.S. war and the capitalist system as a whole. Despite the corporate media's implications that the entire U.S. population is unified behind Bush, a growing number of people are beginning to question this war. Many are realizing that, like all wars, America's current war exists not to fight "terrorism", but to shove capitalism and Western Civilization down the throats of every person who dares to question the agenda of the wealthy global elite. Though still relatively marginal, a growing number of people in the U.S. are realizing that terrorism, war, and poverty will not cease until radical changes are made to the very foundations of this society.

The reactions to these recent anti-war demonstrations by the people of Portland were also surprisingly positive. While there was still several cases of motorists and passersby acting with hostility and belligerence, most seemed interested in at least looking over the literature available, and many people expressed support, solidarity, and a gladness that protesters were out there. At the very least, the protest's presence created a memorable experience that will most likely be remembered for some time by all who witnessed it.

Unfortunately, but not surprisingly, there was no mention of the demonstrations in any of Portland's major media sources. While the Portland Press Herald (owned by the Seattle based Blethen Company media conglomerate) ran a front cover story on pro-Israel demonstrations in Washington D.C. on the week of April 14th, they not only ignored the huge anti-war protests the following weekend in D.C., but ignored two significant anti-war demonstrations in their own town. Such bias and discrimination is no surprise, however, coming from a major corporation whose economic interests are protected by keeping any serious criticism of U.S. foreign or domestic policy hidden from public view.

Nonetheless, the demonstrations were a success. Many new connections and friendships were made, and scores of people in Portland were exposed to anti-war perspectives that they probably wouldn't have heard anywhere else. Most importantly, these demonstrations showed people that another world truly is possible if enough of us decide to get together and fight for it.

In the three weeks since people started organizing these demonstrations, the signs of growth in our local anti-capitalist and anti-war movements seem promising.

So let's keep on fighting for our dreams of a better world, in diverse and multi-faceted ways. Then maybe one day we'll see the institutions of war and tyranny crumble for good.



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# Divided and Conquered?

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For decades, people in this country have struggled and fought against imperialism, colonialism, racism, sexism and countless other forms of oppression. Each one of these struggles has failed. Why? Because all of these struggles have allowed themselves to be divided, not only amongst their ranks, but separated by their causes.

The truth is that all of our struggles are interconnected. On a deeper level, all of us know this. Often we talk of community, mutual aid and solidarity. Yet where have these ideas manifested themselves?

I am not talking about the mass protests or direct action camps. I am talking about our everyday lives.

## We have to live the revolution.

All too often, we allow ourselves to be divided into cliques. We can get so caught up in our own ideals that we may become unwilling to work with others who do not share the same ideological purity. At that point it becomes impossible to express ideas out of your own circle, and even harder to work with others for a greater good.

It would seem that we have dedicated more time to rhetoric and debating ideology; more time is spent arguing: reds against greens, anarchists against socialists, pacifists against militants. Struggles are condemned as single issues, others are deemed as more important. And the "all important" struggle of smashing the state, because of course, once we do that everything else will just naturally follow.

Every time I read one of our publications, whatever struggle it deals with, I find a common theme; people slugging off others who could be allies.





There has been many changes for John Two Names in recent months. John Two Names was moved first to the Frank Lee Youth Center and then the Elmore Correctional Facility in Alabama. He was transferred to Frank Lee from the Stanton Correctional Facility because of his organizing work in Stanton around the moving of the Native ceremonial grounds (see last issue) and then moved to Elmore because of bogus charges against him, when he was moved to Frank Lee, John Two Names was suspicious that they were trying to set him up and within a month he was facing charges about forging a doctor's note. The doctors note was not forged, but this didn't stop the prison officials from transferring him to Elmore. Another reason for the transfer was because recently John Two Names, with fellow political prisoner Sekou Cinque Kambui and a local radio host, organized a town hall meeting in Montgomery about the prison system in Alabama, which drew over 850 people to discuss the issue. After John Two Names was transferred, the prison officials at Stanton destroyed the ceremonial grounds. John Two Names recently lost a motion to reduce his sentence. After the initial part of his trial his new lawyer bailed on him leaving him with no lawyer, so he represented himself. On a more positive note, John Two Names was finally able to get copies of his original trial transcripts which may help him build his case to prove that he was framed for burning down three all-white schools. Any and all support is welcomed and needed. Look for a new zine this fall/winter by John Two Names and others, available from Moss on Urban Decay. The zine will be about prison issues, the Alabama prison system, Native resistance and prisoners, Black liberation prisoners and more.

Letters can be sent to John Two Names care of his wife Chrissy (see address below or contact [tintin@tao.ca](mailto:tintin@tao.ca) for his latest address.

John Two Names is also in need of funds for a lawyer. Donations can be made out to Anita C. Riendeau, Mail to J2N Freedom Collective, c/o Anita C. Riendeau, PO Box 310955, Birmingham, Alabama, 35231 USA  
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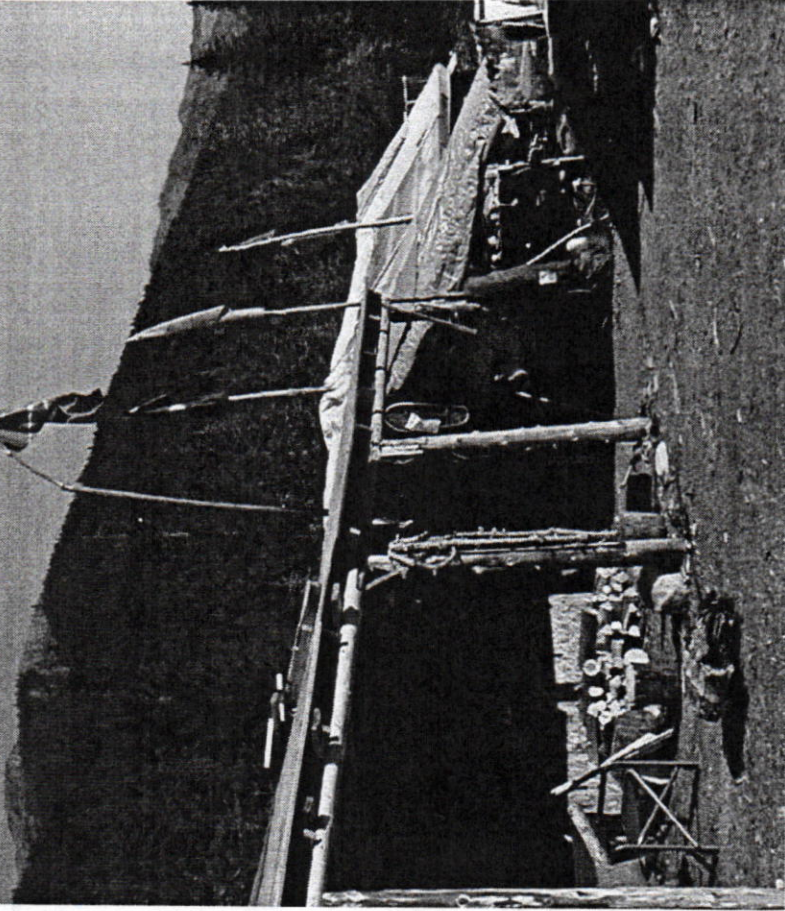


## John Two Names Update

## Sutikalh

We the people of the St'at'imc Nation resettled on our original land base here, at Sutikalh (at Melvin Creek, approximately 3 hours north of Vancouver, "British Columbia, Canada") on May 2, 2000. Due to our living conditions on reserves, we felt this action was necessary for the survival of our people as a nation. Not only is it legally and morally correct, it is also our birthright to sustain ourselves on our lands of our choosing. This pristine area, we call home, is also home to Grizzly Bears, Mountain Goats, edible and medical plants and all life. The ski resort that Nancy Greene Raine, Al Raine and the governments are planning is once again an anti-life policy of genocide against our people and our lands.

The environmental assessments and following studies were not complete and honest. The process was structured so that the corporation would gain approval and that Native People would once again be sacrificed, at all cost. We are making this stand for all people that want to live in peace. Looking back at our oral history, we know that our land is our only hope of survival. We encourage all people of the like mind to return to their lands, or help



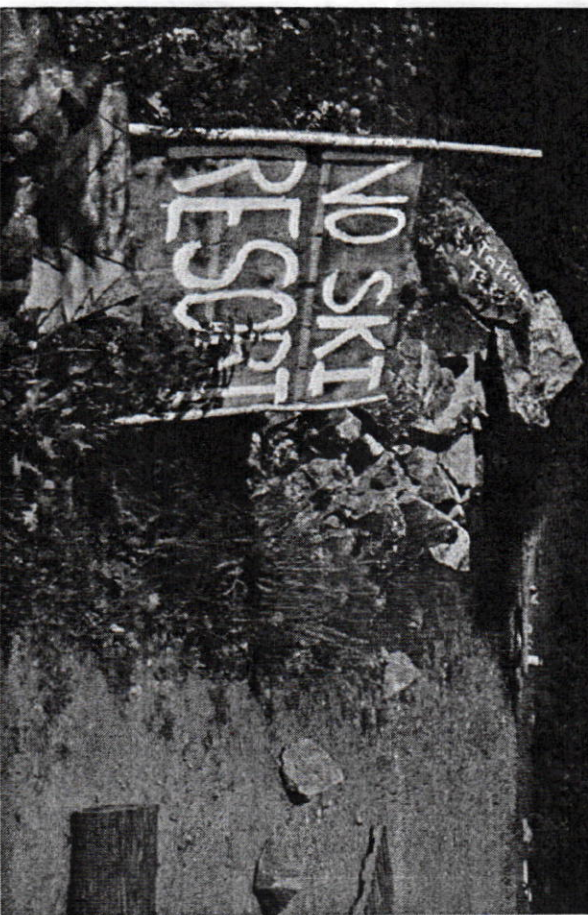


people that are in the process of doing so. Here at Sutikalh, we believe that our action is the only way we can help others in their birthright to their lands. Our position challenges the assumed jurisdiction of the provincial government, who is in the process of stealing more of our lands. We are prepared to do what ever it takes to defend our position. We need people to be aware of what we are up against and aware of what exactly is being done against us daily.

The support we need is endless. We do not have financial support from anybody. We need building material and things to help us sustain ourselves, but most of all we need people to spread our word. We foresee all kinds of negative thoughts and actions taken against us.

As we have tenure of this land we will remain here, forever, like our ancestors. We will hold our position as long as people support us being here. People can help by keeping informed at all times or by dropping by Sutikalh at any time. We welcome dialogue of all kinds with all people.

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#### HOW CAN WE HELP POLITICAL PRISONERS?

Political prisoners need our help. Most of them lack real support, and many will die in prison (as did Merle Africa, Kuwasi Balagoon, and Albert "Nutt" Washington) if their comrades on the outside do not come to their aid. One of the best ways you can support political prisoners is by writing to them. Letters can lift a prisoner's spirits and brighten their days. We can help political prisoners by learning about their histories and educating others about them. This can be done by writing articles, showing videos, talking to your friends, or staging a demonstration. Most importantly, we must continue to struggle for the ideals of freedom and liberation that political prisoners have sacrificed their personal freedom for. We must remember and learn from their struggles, and build an international movement to free all political prisoners and free the Earth and our communities from the forces of tyranny and exploitation.

**Lists and biographies of political prisoners can be found at the following websites:**  
[www.anarchistblackcross.com](http://www.anarchistblackcross.com)    [www.abcf.net](http://www.abcf.net)

**For a list of U.S. Political Prisoners and more information on how you can help them, please send a dollar or some stamps to Moss On Urban Decay.**





white, working-class anti-imperialists who in the 80s carried out bombing and armed actions against U.S. government institutions and corporations for their support of the racist South African Apartheid regime and the violent repression of the Nicaraguan Sandinista movement. Jaan Karl Laaman, Ray Luc Levasseur, Thomas Manning, and Richard Williams all remain in prison for their involvement with the UFF.

More recently, the U.S. government has stepped up a campaign of repression against anarchists and other members of what has come to be known as the 'anti-globalization' movement. Robert Middelagh and Rob Thaxton are both serving time for their involvement in 'anti-globalization' protests in Long Beach, CA and Eugene, OR, respectively. On October 9 (2002) the 'Timony 3' stand trial in Philadelphia for supposedly assaulting police commissioner Timony during the protests against the Republican National Convention in August 2000. (see page 65) Concerted action is needed to ensure that these folks do not join the ranks of our comrades behind bars.

The feds are also currently working to crack down on the Earth Liberation Front (ELF) and Animal Liberation Front (ALF). The ELF and ALF consist of individuals who take direct action against the property of corporations and U.S. government institutions involved in animal exploitation and destruction of the Earth. In 2000, Jeffery "Free" Luers (see page 53) and Craig "Crittter" Marshall were convicted for their politically motivated arson attack on Romania Chevrolet car dealership in Eugene, Oregon. Just this August, four individuals were indicted for their alleged involvement in other ELF-claimed arsons in the Pacific Northwest (see page 62) Whether 'innocent' or 'guilty' for these alleged 'crimes' is irrelevant, however, as far as our support for these comrades is concerned. It is essential that we support political prisoners and individuals carrying out acts of rebellion and insurrection, because they are making extreme sacrifices to make the world better for others. We cannot allow privileged ideological debates over tactics to divide our movements and allow these comrades to be further marginalized.

## ECONOMIC PRISONERS

It is also important that we support prisoners who are organizing and fighting for social change from within prisons. There are many political prisoners inside U.S. prisons who were convicted of economic crimes. The majority of the 2 million prisoners in America's prisons and jails are locked up for non-violent crimes such as drug possession and petty thievery. These 'crimes' are termed 'economic' because they exist largely as a product of the poverty created by a capitalist economic system. Among these inmates are numerous prisoners who were not imprisoned because of political activity, but became politicized in prison and became targets of repression from the prison authorities because of their political activity inside the prison gates. An example of one such prisoner is Jerome White-Bey, who has faced solitary confinement and numerous assassination attempts in response to his organizing with the Missouri Prison Labor Union.

When prisons are examined in a broader social context, it can be said that all prisoners are political. Prisons exist to perform specific functions within capitalist society. These functions are *political*: locking away the poorest classes of society who do not fit into the labor market, providing cheap labor for large corporations, criminalizing youth and people of color, creating jobs in rural areas, and helping politicians get elected with 'tough on crime' campaign platforms. In the next issue of *Moss On Urban Decay*, we will further discuss the prison industrial complex and its relation to American society and the global economy.

# BURNT CHURCH

Letter to the Editor,

The community of Burnt Church (in "New Brunswick, Canada"), the Mi'kmaq people and their nation stand at a crossroads right now. Burnt Church has been the focal point of conflict over a struggle for Indigenous self-determination and the preservation of Indigenous inherent rights. The future of those Inherent rights of their children and the generations yet unborn hangs in the balance.

Over 2 years ago the people of Burnt Church made a historic decision and united as a community to stand against the colonial legacy of injustices, to stand against the government campaign of extinguishment of their inherent rights. There has been 3 years of political and physical conflict over an Inherent rights issue not because the Mi'kmaq people of Burnt Church were wrong to stand up against an age old colonial oppression but because the Canadian governments' perverse enthusiasm to impose its political and economic will over the Mi'kmaq people in order to continue the 500 year long history of Indigenous dispossession and impoverishment. The people of Burnt Church did something that many indigenous communities could not; they banded together and chose to make a sacrifice here and now for the sake of their future generations. They stood defiant before an entire nation, the Canadian nation.

Many of us have paid a price; permanent injuries, prison terms, criminal records, and great loss of personal material and finances. My people have made great sacrifices during this conflict. They are noble sacrifices for I, personally, do not regret a single moment of it. Because of the government's illegitimate claim to Mi'kmaq natural resources, I stood for far too many nights side by side with my Mi'kmaq and Indigenous brothers and sisters looking out across our ancestral home, over our bay. Geared up and standing guard throughout the long nights. Guarding against the next DFO and RCMP raid, guarding against the next non-native fishermen incursion into our waters to destroy our gear, shoot at us and attempt to terrorize our people.

I look back with awe upon those chaotic late nights and early mornings at a time when the DFO/RCMP would launch raids on us and my people so selflessly came together, assembled at the foot of the shores, loaded up on their boats and took to the waters to defend our way of life. They fully knew that they were outnumbered by an approaching threat that had 10 times the manpower, resources and equipment readily at their disposal. My people fully understood the consequences of their actions yet my people went to meet the invading government florilla to make the Canadian government understand that we, as Mi'kmaq people, will resist oppression. We will resist the destruction of our way of life. We will not let our rights and freedoms be so easily ripped away from our children. Stand after stand was made on Burnt Church Bay. This was a truly inspiring example of Indigenous courage, valor, honor, gallantry and self-sacrifice. As I reflect back, I know now that the spirits of our ancestors were there along those banks and shoreline with us, watching over us, bidding us to do what was just and honorable, and urging us to not let our ancestral way of life be extinguished forever.



I know that most people won't understand this. I know that it would be a lost cause to try to explain it to them. I know that there will be all kinds of non-native critics who will condemn our actions for not making the assimilation and cultural genocide of my people any easier for them. The best I could do is to ask them that if they have children, to look down at them, right now, look into their eyes and then tell me I am wrong for being willing to defend my children's future, would you not do the same for yours?

In a time when the Canadian government feels that this issue is no longer a threat to their political and social order, then the stories of Mi'kmaq courage will be told. Then people may begin to understand that the Mi'kmaq people of Burnt Church were not criminals, as the government would have you believe, they were and are heroes for my people. The stories of each battle, each conflict, the gathering of other Indigenous warriors from across Canada and the many summer love affairs will be told over and over again at Pow Wows, family gatherings, and Indigenous political events for a very long time.

My community had a chance to do something so prestigious for their people and nation in this generation. They set the example for other Indigenous communities across Canada, to stand up for their rights and freedoms, to exercise true self-determination not to ask and beg the colonizer for it, and to preserve the dignity and honor of a people.

All these acts of self-sacrifice made by so many, all the effort, all the pain, misery and frustration endured and in John Dedams' case the loss of liberty might be in vain, in vain because the Chief and Council of Burnt Church are giving in to their personal greed, cowardice and the government's tactics of bribery. They want to compromise the rights and freedoms of the Mi'kmaq people by cutting a deal with the government. We all know the outcome of this action, we as a people loose our inherent rights so that the Chief and Council can hoard all the wealth derived from our sacrifices. The Native reserve feudal order will be empowered and entrenched, nepotism and patronage will ensue and the majority of the people on the reserve will suffer.

The community of Burnt Church is at that crossroads. We as a community have a choice, to give up all that we stood up for, all that we sacrificed for and turn our backs on our children by endorsing the Chief and Councils' desire to "sell out" to the government or we can make it clear to the Chief and Council and to the government that the rights and freedoms that we have fought so dearly for are not to be sold for their personal gain.



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# POLITICAL PRISONERS IN THE UNITED STATES Supporting Our Jailed Comrades

The United States has political prisoners. Though none of them are officially acknowledged by the U.S. government, hundreds of those languishing in America's penitentiaries are recognized by people around the world as individuals who have been and continue to be targeted by the U.S. government for political reasons.

## WHO ARE POLITICAL PRISONERS?

The definitions for political prisoners vary. The Geneva Convention defines political prisoners as individuals who have been intentionally targeted, framed, and imprisoned by a government in response to the person's political activity. An example is Mumia Abu-Jamal, an independent journalist and former member of the Black Panther Party who was framed by the City of Philadelphia and the state of Pennsylvania for the shooting of a cop in 1982. He spent nearly 20 years on death row before the recent change of his sentence to life imprisonment. This decision is being appealed by the state of Pennsylvania. Meanwhile, an international campaign to free him grows. Other U.S. political prisoners imprisoned for their political activity outside of prison include Eddie Hatcher, Marshall Eddie Conway, Leonard Peltier, Alvaro Luna Hernandez, the MOVE 9, and others.

While it is important to recognize and support those political prisoners who where framed-up by the U.S. government, it is equally important to support individuals who where jailed for illegal acts and attacks carried out explicitly against the U.S. government and corporate institutions. Movements such as the Black Liberation Army (BLA), United Freedom Front (UFF), Earth Liberation Front (ELF), Animal Liberation Front (ALF), and segments of the Puerto Rican Independence movement developed from earlier and ongoing movements such as the civil rights, anti-war, and environmental movements. Individuals imprisoned for underground, illegal, and sometimes armed direct action chose their tactics because they saw other forms of struggle as being not enough, and/or because they saw their comrades being targeted by the state for completely legal political activism.

The Black Liberation Army, for example, developed in the 1970's out of the Black Panther Party and the Black Liberation movement. The Black Panther Party was a strong and rapidly growing political organization addressing problems such as poverty, hunger, racism, and police brutality throughout America's black ghettos and prisons. When the U.S. government started its COINTELPRO (FBI term for "counter intelligence program") campaign of assassinations and frame-ups of the Black Panther Party leadership (the murder of Fred Hampton and Mark Clark, the Panther 21, Bobby Seale, etc.), members of the Black Panther Party went "underground" to form the Black Liberation Army. The BLA carried out armed actions against police and other institutions and engaged in several high-profile bank robberies in response to the U.S. government's repression of the Panthers and America's black communities. Former BLA members who remain locked away in U.S. prisons include Sekou Kambui, Robert 'Seth' Hayes, Russell 'Maroon' Shoats, Romaine 'Chip' Fitzgerald, Sekou Odinga, and many more.

The United Freedom Front was another clandestine movement whose members, unfortunately, were eventually captured by the state. The UFF was compromised mostly of





## ***Urgent! For Immediate Release August 22, 2002***

### **NOTICE:**

My name is Danielle Schenandoah Patterson, I reside on the Onyota'a:ka Oneida Indian Territory all native community with my three small Oneida children. My children and I are Oneida citizens of the Six Nations Iroquois Confederacy in upstate New York. I am requesting for immediate supporters and legal observers to come to the Oneida Indian Territory. Although private home owners, residents of this long-standing community are facing eviction and the destruction of their houses at the order of the illegitimate government of Arthur Ray Halbritter. Halbritter's "leadership" was imposed upon the Oneida people, against their will, by the BIA, the federal Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs. He has since created a dictatorship and established the "Oneida Indian Nation of New York", an INCORPORATION disguised as a nation.

Halbritter wields power only through this federal recognition. The Iroquois Six Nations Confederacy (Oneida, Onondaga, Mohawk, Seneca, Tuscorora, Cayuga) has continuously notified the BIA that Halbritter does not represent the Oneida people, as he does not follow elective nor traditional forms and there is NO PROCESS THROUGH WHICH THE PEOPLE CAN REMOVE HIM FROM THIS APPOINTED FEDERAL POSITION. A men's council government (unheard of amongst the Iroquois) was established by Halbritter, on his payroll to validate all his decisions. Halbritter created an all non-native Paramilitary squad (AKA ONEIDA NATION POLICE) under his direct command to harass, intimidate, physically abuse, and install fear in the people, forcing them to submit to the Halbritter regime. It has also been publicly exposed that "The Oneida Nation Bureau of Investigation Spy Network" exists to perform covert operations against natives and non-natives who do not go along with his plans.

In May 1995, a peaceful March for Democracy was held on Oneida homelands. The participants in the March were exercising their rights to choose their own leadership and government, opposing the federal imposition of Halbritter and BIA treaty violations. In retaliation, Halbritter took tribal membership away from over 200 Oneida participants, stripping them of their tribal benefits, including employment and education benefits, and right to participate in tribal affairs. He also closed down our food bank that serviced 280 native people. Halbritter then locked our longhouse (traditional religious building and center of the community) and banned all traditional activity and ceremonies. He threatened that any Oneida found entering any tribally owned buildings would be arrested.

None of the Halbritter establishments, newly built Nation court, casino, or government buildings are located on the Oneida Indigenous territory, and none of his paramilitants or administration officials reside on the Oneida Indian Territory. The Territory residents learned from the local media that the Halbritter administration had announced a "Beautification Project, 2001" where our homes





would now be inspected, condemned, and demolished under the guise of health and safety. The territory families homes were destroyed although some of those homes were 1990 models or newer. In one year, eleven Iroquois families were evicted and their homes demolished against their will. The only option these homeless, displaced families were given was to pay rent to the Halbritter administration for homes outside of this community. The remaining residents rejected the Halbritter-sanctioned inspections because they only lead to eviction. The local media was present when this announcement was made by the territory residents.

I was called on the telephone yesterday by media and asked for a statement on the August 8th decision of an appeal of the eviction of my family and destruction of our home. Halbritter's tribal court ordered the demolition of my home to be executed by no later than September 15th, 2002. I was shocked as I was unaware of this decision. I immediately went to Halbritter's legal office to obtain my paperwork on this order. I was denied the demolition order, even though it's publicly accessible.

My three children's & my inherited birthrights of this country are being violated. Although my home meets and exceeds all New York State safety and housing codes, we are going to be made homeless with no financial means as we have to seek all future accommodations at our own expense. I have been a prisoner, unable to leave my home unattended in fear of when the demolition & eviction will occur. There is no justice in this tribal court since Halbritter has final decision over any and all appeals. Because I do not recognise this illegal dictatorship under Ray Halbritter, "whatever it takes" measures are being used against me and the remaining families to remove us from our inherited birthrights to live as Haudenosaunee free people upon our indigenous land.

I ask for anyone who opposes violators of civil, constitutional, religious, and human rights to please aid us in our stand to exercise our right to fight with the truth and save my home as well as the homes of the other remaining residents who all face the same fate. We are in need of financial assistance and legal observers to come to the Oneida Territory. Help us to record inhumane and cruel treatment and actions forced upon Indian people by the hired non-native paramilitants -right here in central New York.

**Rules: NO WEAPONS, NO DRUGS, NO ALCOHOL** We are maintaining our peaceful presence, our community rejects any violence to be used as the excuse for Halbritter to execute every last one of us here fighting for our rights.

All statements are true and have been documented by video, legal documents, audio, pictures, affidavits. We extend an open invitation for all to come and see the truth for yourselves.

Ny;Wah ~thanks to all who are willing to aid us as we face these illegal actions taken against an all traditional native community close to destruction.

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ated by an anti-capitalist analysis, or maybe more simply a pro-human one.

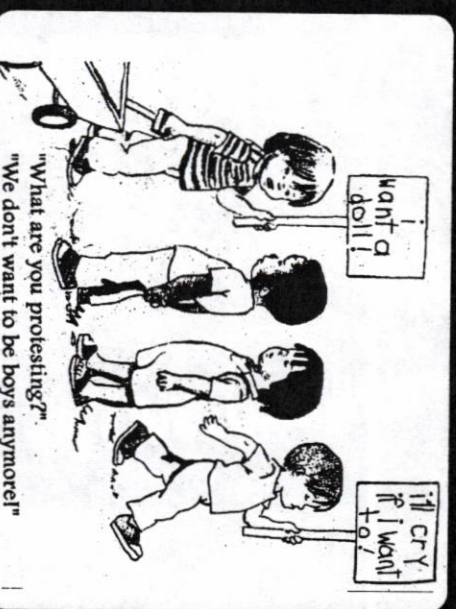
Each person, each group's emancipation is intertwined with the others. We need a collective liberation, which requires that we find commonality in our subjective experience. Once we recognize our commonality, we will understand how practices we engage in which create relationships of domination and hurt those around us also hurt ourselves; for they sever our intrinsic human solidarity. This way of attacking our own and others practices of domination can easily extend from the example of porn to how we confront personal relationships, sex, meeting dynamics, racism, movement hierarchies, solidarity and lack-there-of, how much we talk/listen, etc.

So, with the desire to bring patriarchy to its knees I would make the some of the following suggestions to fellow anarchist men: recognize that we men benefit from and perpetuate patriarchy, begin to deal with it, understand that we men can not be free while females are under our heel. There is no such thing as passive exploitation, either we're with it or we're not. And show solidarity, make copies of feminist zines, confront the sexist practices of men around you, and most of all listen to what womyn have to say. It is only through understanding their experience that we can know how to change ourselves. And I make the suggestion to feminists that the struggle can only be won over patriarchy when more men identify with feminism. Sure, when first confronted we men will feel threatened by it, but when explaining why patriarchy sucks for womyn, it should also be explained that it sucks for men in many ways too. We should all have the ability to be human, and slaves and masters are both lacking in experiencing humanity.

I write with the hope that more men (and womyn) can come to identify with feminism and that (womyn) feminists will be more than willing to accept our solidarity, aid, and also critique. I am inspired by the actions of feminists within the Philadelphia anarchist community who when I was in Philly last August had gone to great lengths in creating a space where men would listen to their struggles. I also had the pleasure of attending an anti-racist, anti-sexist conference in Bremen, Germany this past winter which showed the growing fusion between autonomist and queer theory there: tactical frivolity. Also to the rich culture of Swedish feminism which it seemed like all female (and many male) anarchists there identified with. They give me hope that the same can be done in North America.

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I would like to make some tactical and ideological suggestions using pornography as an example, while exploring it as an issue in and of itself. For now I want to bypass the debate within feminism and queer theory on pornography, and for the purposes of explaining how I conceive of an effective attack on patriarchy and as a product totally sucks. Any one who has been able to follow me so far should understand the arguments for why porn sucks in relation to womyn, it supporting objectification and violence. I also make the assumption that men are the benefactors of the porn industry its victims being primarily womyn. But I want to propose that men are also the victims of porn (and in turn, patriarchy). I make no assumptions of what place men viewing erotic material for personal pleasure has in a potential non-patriarchal, anarchist society, or of the place for womyn to view porn (esp. lesbian) in our current context.

As anarchists we understand that capitalism exploits all of us (meaning the non-bourgeois). Porn should be viewed as any other commodity (without ignoring its unique aspects) traded within capitalism. The exploited and alienated laborers, slaving away to produce porn are primarily womyn. This seems to be the main (not only) reason feminists are opposed to porn. What is the main reason people might be opposed to, say television. Largely not because of the wage-slavery that goes into the production of televisions, but because of the effect TV's have on the consumers lives: alienating us, pacifying us, creating a spectator/actor dichotomy, etc. We should of course also be opposed to the way in which TV's are produced, just as while we oppose the exploitation of the laborers producing porn we should oppose the alienation of the consumer. Who do we blame for the TV: capitalists. Who is largely blamed for porn: the consumers. We need to recognize that trade relations under capitalism suck for the laborer and the consumer. The relationship between the two is one of coercion and violence.

Let me invoke Andrea Dworkin, from her book *Pornography: Men Possessing Women*: The intense and obsessive use of person as object is seen as the solution to man's alienation "not as the source of it nor as one of its most numbing manifestations. (pg. 121)

Porn is only one manifestation of fucked up social relations and should be combated by presenting how it is abusive to both parties, the laborer and the consumer, the antagonists being the owners of the means of porn production (along with bourgeois supermodels, bourgeois photographers, etc.) We need to reclaim our subjectivity, and in this vein porn should be attacked on different fronts.

Womyn should be organized around their rage as the victims of exploitation, rape, objectification, etc. I hope that we men (ultimately all non-bourgeois men, but we should probably begin with radicals) can also be organized in opposition to our own alienation and the exploitation of our wallets as the consumers/addicts of porn. We men have a world to gain by ending obsessive porn viewing (which I assume is rampant in mainstream culture), just as the cigarette smoker has a world to gain by quitting. Patriarchy needs to be viewed within the context of capitalism, and I believe that there is a greater potential to organize opposition around the latter, while at the same time attacking the former. I recognize patriarchy as the first form of domination and capitalism as an outgrowth, and I am in no way trying to put a priority on attacking capitalism over patriarchy, but simply suggesting that tactically more men can be mobilized to attack porn and confront their own sexist practices (obviously fighting patriarchy) while moti-

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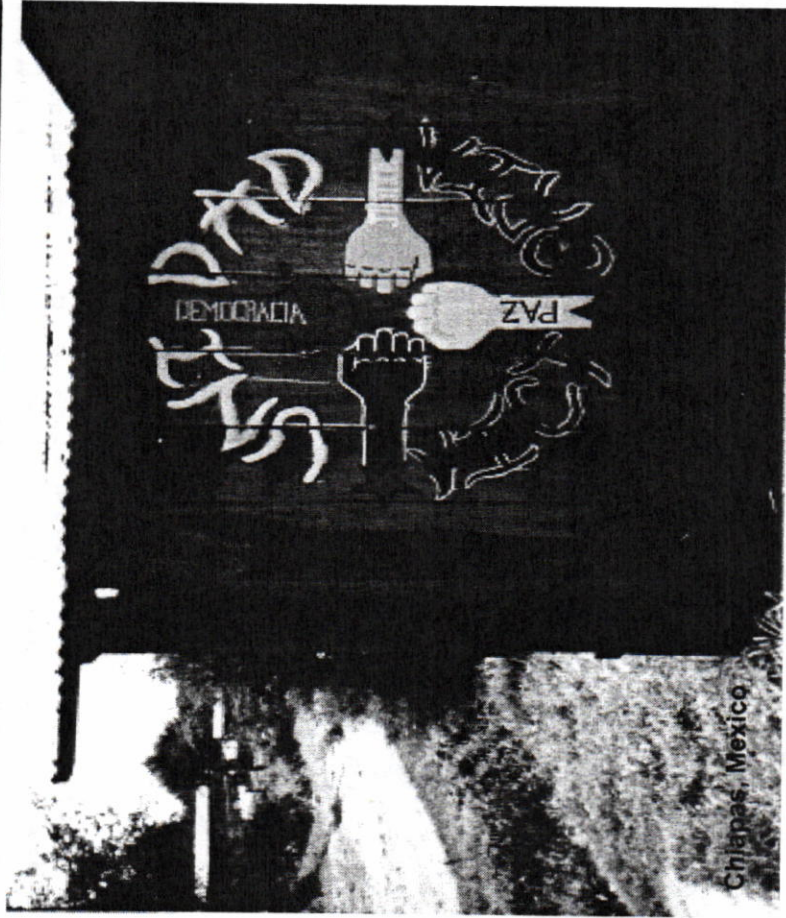
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# Feminist Momma

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As a young teenager, I was a feminist, environmentalist, leftist, ist, ist, an ist for everything. By senior year I was pregnant. At this time I really learned about being alone and my rights as woman. Did I ever really have any? Why was I handed the address to an abortion clinic instead of a prescription for prenatal vitamins? I chose. I wanted this child.

The stigmatism of being a teen mom is far greater than anyone who isn't one can imagine. We are pushed at every turn to abort. If we choose not to, we are almost expected to put the child up for adoption. If we don't, then we are inevitably expected to fail and be the world's worst parents. Every person that looks your way feels that it is his or her civil duty to tell you how bad you fucked up. We are not given standards to live up to; we are given standards to live down to. We become a statistic as part of an epidemic. I am not an epidemic, and neither is my son.

Now I'm glared at in contempt; I am a whore and a drain on society. I won't apologize for being a sexual being or for not being ashamed for raising a prodigy. I am not a welfare mom, but I'm not against it. I think mothers should be paid what they are worth, not what they're paid. Women should not be forced into the workplace and their children in day care for lack of a husband or a trust fund.

For all of time, women bore children in their teen years. Only in this century and in this country has it become so taboo.

So taboo that many men don't take responsibility. So taboo

that our extended families are no longer there. So

taboo that many women are shamed on the

welfare line. I am not

apologetic. I am glad I had my son. I am one of

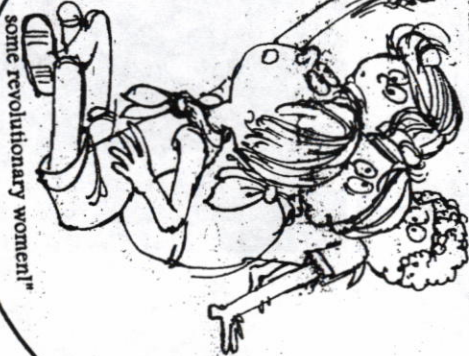
many teen mothers that are here and we are

awesome parents. We are

not ashamed.

My son comes with me to meetings for peace and globalization issues, discussions on alternative living, and rallies for every injustice. We are

"Enough about our forefathers, lets learn about



some revolutionary woment!

as a regular focus in Moss on Urban Decay, we'd like to have more writings addressing Patriarchy, how it affects all of us and steps we can take to address it in our lives, and work against the continuation of Patriarchy in our own lives and relations and in the world at large. If you have writings to submit to Moss on this topic or any other related issues please send them through

## Men, Porn, and the Feminist Struggle

I write the following analysis from the perspective of a male youth who has been part of and identifies with the North American anarchist struggle. I am no scholar of feminism, and am naive to most of its history and internal discourse, having learned the most by personal interactions, conversations, and the desire to confront my own sexism and have healthier social relationships and attitudes. I wish to present a tactical and ideological position of how I think the struggle against patriarchy might be waged effectively within the movement with the hope of eliciting more male participation in feminist struggles aimed at the wider world. These are by no means last words, but an invitation to dialogue.

Understandably the struggle against patriarchy has been waged with the greatest fervor by womyn. Collectively womyn are the losers in a male-supremacist social structure. It is womyn's bodies which are colonized, objectified, mutilated and sent into oblivion by a highly evolved system of male domination modified to horrific levels within the context of capitalism. Males have historically had the privilege of free movement, free reign and the assumption that we are more capable in all aspects of our lives than womyn. It is no surprise then that womyn have been at the forefront of the struggle against their own exploitation. Not only have feminists struggled for the right to have a voice within our larger social framework, but they have also fought to knock male activists of their throne of elitism and forced many of us to confront our own privilege and fucked up practices within not only organizing but also our most intimate relations.

I would like to pose the question that many feminists (at least anarchists in the U.S.) have been asking their male comrades for years: WHAT THE FUCK? Why aren't (anarchist) men supporting us in our struggles? And worse yet why do we still feel threatened by you, and when are you going to confront your own sexism?

I want to propose a conception of feminism that attacks a patriarchy that de-humanizes all of us, womyn and men. I believe that we men are going to be brought into the feminist struggle in large numbers (the goal should be all men, beginning with radicals) only when we see patriarchy as a force that places us in unhealthy social relations, deforms our conception of the erotic, and ultimately restricts our ability to interact with the rest of the human species with love and egalitarianism (that's what we all want, right?) It is all too obvious that we men need to recognize how patriarchy currently and historically oppresses womyn, but has the agenda of education and agitation in this respect done enough? No, and gains of womyn's struggles (as with all of our struggles) can be easily reversed as long as capitalism and the state continue to exist. I do not in any way blame this on anarcho-feminist struggles, which are no less than totally inspiring, but make the assumption that more gains have not been made because we men have shown largely unwilling to abdicate our male privilege.



almost always met with the same patriarchal nonsense I've been trying so hard to deprogram myself from. I expect more from the activist community.

At some point I stopped 'hushing' my son and started telling other people to 'get over it' because he's a kid and I'm going to make sure that he can act like one. Why at all the events planned for progress is there such a closed wall to children? They need to learn. They need to be welcome to participate. After all, they are whom we fight for- they are the future. We need to grow a bit. We need to recognize and 'leave behind' the flaws we see in this society while we work to change it. Here are some simple tips of being less patriarchal:

1- Be inclusive of everyone when planning an event, especially children  
2- If you feel a certain event might be dangerous or somehow inappropriate for a child, plan childcare. The children can be doing progressive activities and learning as well.

My son joins me at these events because he needs to be there. A lot of us are parents for justice. A healthy movement should be all inclusive. Children need-influences other than their parents so it is crucial for those who with parents, to take part in children's lives. Take initiative. We ARE here, now..

Some good internet resources for radical mothers (and other people);

HipMama.com-A great site and magazine for moms.

GirlMom.com-for the radical young mom

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